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Do you support the proposal to create a Marine Monument in the northern islands?

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Kennedy Hospitalized

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the lone surviving son in a famed political family, suffered a seizure at his Cape Cod home on Saturday morning but was recovering well enough by afternoon to watch a Red Sox game from his hospital room.

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CUC defends doubled power rates

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has defended the recent doubling of power rates, saying it is actually charging less than what it should for fuel.

Muna

CUC executive director Antonio S. Muna in a letter to lawmakers said that the current projected price of fuel is $3.69 per gallon. This is four cents higher than the figure used for calculating the electric fuel rate of 35.7 cents per kWh.

The new rate schedule went into effect on May 3, 2008. Under the new scale, customers

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BOOKS COMING TO LIFE

Monster face painting covers the faces of San Vicente Elementary School students as they adapt the gothic horror book of "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley in their triumphant presentation in the Rotary Club of Saipan's 3rd Annual Parade of Books at the Marianas High School Gymnasium Saturday afternoon. *See story on Page 2*

ON $6.1M OWED TO ALIEN WORKERS

Kaipat blames Benedetto for not reaching a deal

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REPORTER

The Department of Labor and the Federal Ombudsman's Office have failed to reach an agreement on how to deal with the reported $6.1 million in unpaid wages and other damages awarded to alien workers but remain uncollected.

Labor Deputy Secretary Cinta M. Kaipat disclosed that Labor has not been successful in reaching with Federal Ombudsman Jim Benedetto a mutually satisfactory way of dealing with unpaid administrative orders.

In her interim progress report

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Continental hesitant to pass airport rate hike to customers

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REPORTER

Continental Micronesia is hesitant to pass on to customers the recent increase in local airport rates.

Wally Dias, staff vice president for sales and marketing at Continental Airlines, said it is difficult to impose more add-on costs to passengers, given the rising price of fuel.

"Unfortunately, since fuel prices are going up so fast and so high, it's so hard for airlines

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NAP preparing for influx of new clients

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REPORTER

The Department of Community & Cultural Affairs, which oversees the Nutrition Assistance Program office, says that the "CNMI needs to brace itself for an increase in demand in NAP's supplemental assistance."

Acting secretary Melvin Faisao said that "DCCA has

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SVES tops Parade of Books

San Vicente Elementary School's dynamic presentation of "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley bested five other participating public and private elementary schools during the 3rd Annual Parade of Books held last Saturday afternoon at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Rotary Club of Saipan's 3rd Annual Parade of Books second place winner Oleai Elementary School performing "Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs" by Jacob Grimm.

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Rotary Club of Saipan's 3rd Annual Parade of Books first place winner San Vicente Elementary School 2nd and 4th grade students parade in their scary costumes in adaptation of the "Frankenstein Book" by Mary Shelley inside the Marianas High School Gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

SVES brought home $700 and a trophy after garnering an overall score of 137 points from the judges, followed by 2nd placer Oleai Elementary School, which presented "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by Jacob Grimm with 135 points. They received $500 and a trophy.

Third placer Tinian Elementary School performed "King Bidgood's in the Bathtub" by Audrey Wood and received 133 points and got $300 and a trophy.

Other participating schools re-

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Rotary Club of Saipan's 3rd Annual Parade of Books third place winner Tinian Elementary School performing "King Bidgood's in the Bathtub" by Audrey Wood.

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Curb in governor's emergency powers sought

A lawmaker has proposed a constitutional amendment limiting the governor's emergency powers.

Rep. Joseph James Camacho introduced a legislative initiative prohibiting the governor from declaring a state of emergency to deal with a financial crisis. A state of emergency will only be allowed in cases such as an invasion, civil disturbance, natural disaster, or other calamity.

Camacho

According to Camacho, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and his predecessors have improperly used their emergency powers to take over government agencies experiencing financial difficulties of hardship. Neither the Constitution nor any of the statutes explicitly authorize such use of emergency powers, he said.

He added that "to allow the governor to use his emergency powers to take over a government agency without legal authority is tantamount to martial law and would abolish the checks and balances built into our democratic political system in the Commonwealth."

Camacho also argued that existing laws provide sufficient remedies to deal with a government financial crisis.

"In order to protect the integrity of the NMI Constitution and Commonwealth law, and the separation of powers of the Commonwealth government, it is necessary to prohibit any government from using his or her emergency powers ... to declare a state of emergency over a government agency simply because such agency is experiencing financial difficulties or hardship," he said.

The legislative initiative arises from the House of Representatives' disagreement with the governor's recent takeover of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, which is having troubles meeting the terms of its bond indenture agreement.

To become a law, the proposed constitutional amendment must be passed by three fourths vote of each house of the Legislature, and approved by a majority of the voters. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

House bill sets standards for hiring LB director

A bill has been introduced to set minimum qualifications for hiring a director for the Legislative Bureau.

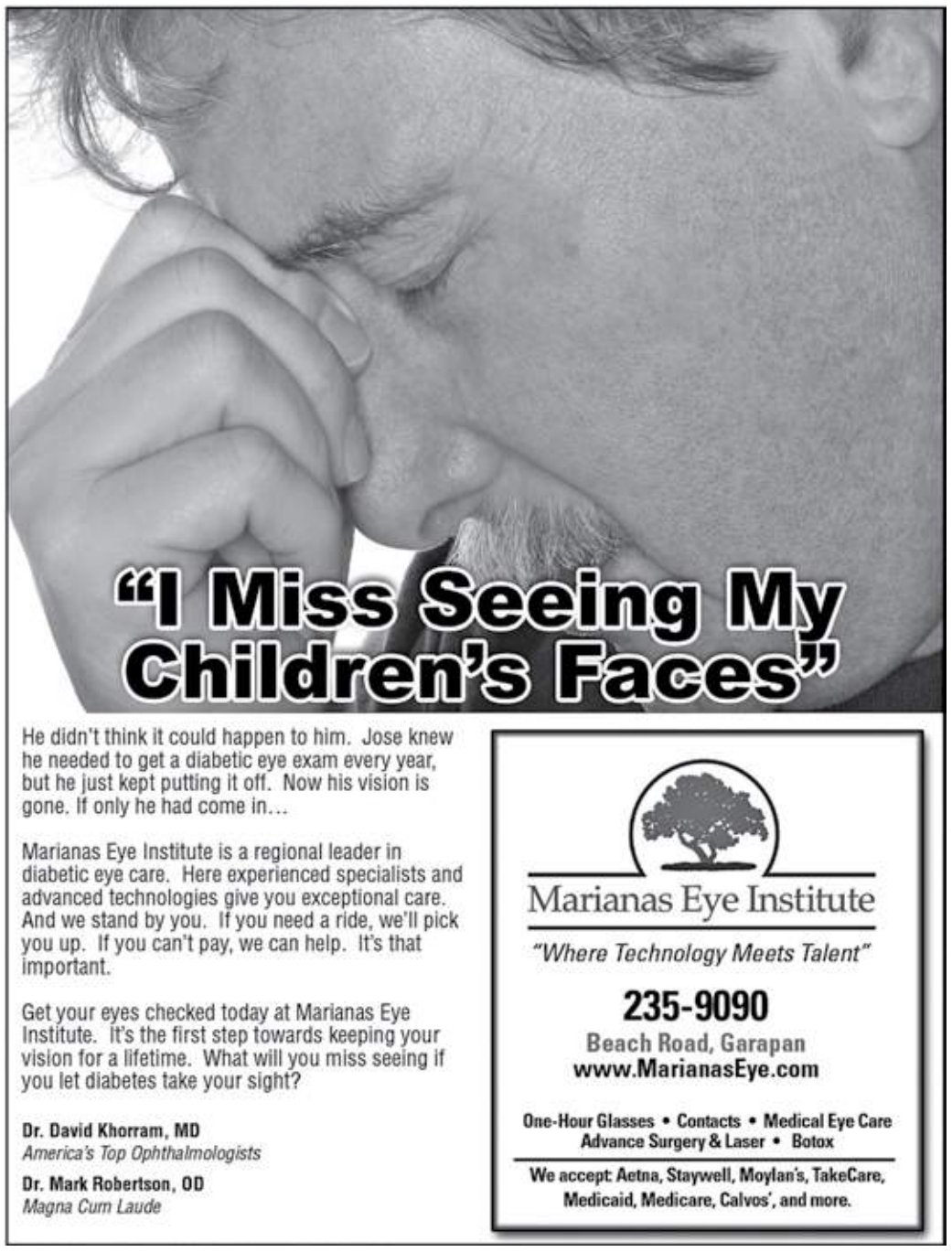
Rep. Justo S. Quitugua sponsored the bill, which would implement some of the changes recommended by the Office of the Public Auditor after its evaluation of the bureau's operations.

The proposed legislation reaffirms that the bureau should be free from any political harassment or pressure. It also allows the joint leadership of the Legislature to pick the director.

But there would be minimum qualifications. The director must have a bachelor's degree from a U.S. accredited college or university. He must have the skills, among other things, to supervise operations, perform office functions, and prepare formal correspondence.

The director would serve for the same term as the legislature that appointed him or her. He or she can be removed by three fourths of the members of each house.

The bill also outlines the services to be provided by the Legislative Bureau. These services include assisting the Legislature during sessions and meetings, providing professional personnel such as legal counsels, keeping legislative records, maintaining the facilities, providing the members with basic office furniture. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***



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Position	Amount	Description	Requirement	Salary	Remark
Safety officer	1	Instructing the construction meeting OSHA requirement; safety management for construction.	Familiar with OHSA requirement for construction and have 5 years experience at least on construction and safety management	$7/hour	Negotiable according to the personal ability
Office assistant	1	Handle affairs for office and arrange related affairs for project operation and management.	Familiar with Office software, have 3 years experience at least on handling office affairs.	$5.5/hour	
Electrician	1	Handle site electric affairs at project site; serving for the project on supplying electricity.	Have at least 5 years experience on CNMI for electricity occupation. Skillful on handling electricity works for construction project.	$4.25/hour	
Mason	1	Doing brickworks and plastering, pouring concrete. etc and related works for construction	Have at least 4 years experience on CNMI for construction mason occupations.	$4.25/hour	
Heavy equipment operator	1	Operating heavy equipment such as excavator, loader, backhoe. etc.	Familiar with operating heavy equipment and general maintenance, and have at least 3 years experience.	$5.5/hour	

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More than $70K raised in 2008 MMAC

The Marianas March Against Cancer once again did its share in raising money for cancer research and support services, as its 2008 event raised more than $70,000 as of midnight Saturday.

"There were approximately 3,000 people that went to the Marianas Against Cancer on Saturday night," said event organizer and coordinator Reina Camacho.

As of Saturday, May 17, at 12 Midnight, MMAC already raised a total of $71,257.19.

In the special prizes, Northern Marianas College was awarded the baton title, while Team Bodig was awarded the most spirit and best tent.

The award for the most money raised was divided into four categories—school, corporate, family, and non-profit organization/government.

Pacific Islands Club got the business award as they raised $8,543. Team Bodig won the family category as they raised $14,302.

Team Marriage Encounter raised $2,662, while Grace Christian Academy won the school category award as they have raised $3,094.

In the running competition, Marianas Health Services took this year's title of Most Laps as they ran a total of 782 laps.

Most candles sold went to Team Bodig as they sold 1,037 candles.

The Marianas March Against Cancer is one of the largest fundraising occasions in the CNMI. The event is not just to raise money but also to raise awareness and encourage hope for those struggling with the disease.

Last year, thousands of people attended the Marianas March Against Cancer, and contributed over $80,000 in support. Participants walked, ran, and danced around the event's oval course for over 12 hours.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is the sponsor for MMAC, which is a volunteer driven organization that ensures that all funds increased are applied locally. ***(Jacqueline Dela Cruz)***

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Team Courage, which is composed of the CNMI's brave cancer survivors gather for a photo during the opening ceremony of the 2008 Marianas March Against Cancer at the Hopwood Junior High School track and field in Chalan Piao Friday night.

Members of Team Courage comfort their youngest cancer survivor 6-year-old Juan Vicente Blanco during the opening ceremony of the 2008 Marianas March Against Cancer.

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must pay a total of 37.3 cents per kWh for the first 500 kWh of usage. The rate increases with consumption.

Prior to May 2008, customers paid 17.6 cents per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh.

Muna also said the rate doubled because fuel costs increased by 92.76 percent while sales declined by 12.6 percent. "Decreasing sales has the effect of spreading more costs over a smaller revenue base," he said.

In January 2007, CUC paid $1.92 cents per gallon and CUC billed customers for a total of 25.4 million kWh. At that time, CUC charged an electric fuel rate of 19.6 cents per kWh.

For May 2008, CUC projected a fuel price of $3.65 a gallon, and total sales of 22.2 million kWh, thus coming up with an electric fuel rate of 35.7 cents per kWh.

In addition to the fuel rate, CUC charges customers non-fuel rates starting at 1.6 cents per kWh, plus a fixed monthly charge of $5.60.

With the new rates, a customer who uses about 500 kWh can expect to pay $192. For a consumption of 1,000 kWh, the bill will be $403. Add another 500 kWh and the bill will be $625. For usage of 2,000 kWh, a customer will be billed $846.

Muna acknowledged the fuel subsidy provision in the law that reversed the power rates rollback and accordingly allowed CUC to charge the doubled rates. He said the subsidy could be given in the form of fuel credit, hence reducing the customer's billing. But he said this may need additional discussion as to which customers—residential or commercial or both—should receive the credit.

Lawmakers maintain the subsidy is clearly for residential customers only, given that Public Law 16-2 reversed a law on residential power rates.

Muna's explanation came in response to inquiries from the House Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, led by Rep. Victor Hocog, and from Representatives Heinz Hofschneider and Tina Sablan.

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on the implementation of Public Law 15-108 or the new reform labor law, Kaipat blamed Benedetto, who according to her, continues to refuse to provide them with such Labor administrative orders and sworn statements that he has collected from alien workers.

"He (Benedetto) insists that the Department do this work all over again. For that reason, the Department will shortly implement its own program without participation by the ombudsman," said the former lawmaker in the report that she submitted last Wednesday to the 16th Legislature.

Kaipat and Benedetto had previously at odds over disagreements on some provisions of P.L. 15-108. Kaipat was the principal author of the controversial law.

In February 2008, Benedetto told the media that from 600 his office has now collected 712 Labor administrative orders and judgments that awarded a total of $6.1 million in unpaid wages and other damages to alien workers but remain uncollected.

Benedetto explained he came up with the total amount of $6.1 million after subtracting partial payments received by workers of only $61,928.16 or about one percent of the amount owed.

There are 64 unpaid awards over $20,000; 222 unpaid awards of $10,000 or more; and 462 over $500. The oldest unpaid award dates from February of 1994, according to the federal official.

Benedetto then stated that now the data has been compiled, he will share it with the Office of Insular Affairs and the U.S. Congress.

Benedetto said he will try to come up with a set of recommendations for how best to help alien workers collect the wages they were awarded.

"I will also share the data with the CNMI Department of Labor and the Attorney General's Office, if they wish to pursue these claims on behalf of the workers, and enforce the orders and judgments of the Labor Hearing Office," he said.

In her interim progress report, Kaipat said the Superior Court is in a much better position than Labor to secure administrative orders' payment.

She said Labor has changed its policies and practices with respect to collection of unpaid administrative orders.

"We believe we have a much more efficient and effective way to ensure that as many administrative orders as possible are paid in full," Kaipat said.

Administrative orders, she said, will now contain directions to the parties as to the steps that are to be taken with respect to payment.

If payment is not received on time, Kaipat said, the party who is owed money will be given a small claims court information packet.

The packet, she said, gives detailed instructions and forms for filing with Superior Court to enforce Labor's administrative order.

Kaipat said Labor has discussed this procedure with the court and the judge assigned to small claims is willing to take on this additional work.

"This will reduce the Department's costs and free its personnel for other work," she added.

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to pass that total cost to the customer. If you do that, at some point, your revenue will start dropping because some people won't be able to afford tickets. It's a very sensitive question as to how much you can pass along. For the airport costs, it may not be absolutely possible to pass that along," Dias said.

Last week, the Commonwealth Ports Authority adopted new rates. The landing fee increased by 62 cents—from $1.40 to $2.02—per 1,000 tons. The facility service charge for the Saipan main terminal was raised from $8 to $9.07 per passenger. And the cost per enplanement—or departure fee—increased from $11.30 to $13.23 per passenger.

Dias said he had not seen the details of the increase and how much it would affect the airline's costs, but he said it "could be significant."

Assuming that Continental's twice-weekly service between Saipan and Manila flies at full capacity at all times, the increase in three charges combined could translate to an additional cost of $30,000 a year.

The impact will be more for other airlines that operate larger aircraft and more frequent flights.

At present, Dias said, the biggest challenge for airlines is the cost of fuel.

He noted that, the cost of fuel reached $126 a barrel last week, a huge difference from $110 just a month ago. For Continental worldwide, he said, each dollar increase in the price of a barrel of oil translates into a $45 million added cost in one year. "It is now our largest cost of doing business," he said.

SVES

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ceived a consolation prize of $100 each.

SVES also won the "Best Director award" for their creative directors Kathy Pagapular, Rhonda Camacho, and Diana Felix. They receive a gift certificate for two days and one night stay for two at the Pacific Islands Club.

OES won the "Most Spirited award" and receive a gift certificate for a half day stay at the Pacific Islands Club for 30 children and six guardians.

Other participating schools were Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, which performed "Eagle Series Book Collection" by Georgia Perez; Kagman Elementary School, which presented "Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch; and Grace Christian Academy with a presentation from the book "Peter Pan" by James M. Barrie.

Organized by the Saipan Rotary Club, the contest's objective was to promote literacy and reading among students.

The participants were judged by their closeness to timeframe, costume depiction, enthusiasm of participants, vocal clarity, and overall adherence to the theme. ***(Jacqueline Hernandez)***

NAP

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been projecting and planning to make certain that the program is organized and prepared for the landslide influx of new clients."

He said the influx of new food stamp clients is a consequence of the economic woes that may contribute in an increase of as many as 40 or more households per month.

NAP has over 7,000 active participants in the assistance program, which represents over 2,000 households per month, 25 percent of this number is composed of total indigenous population.

"DCCA NAP takes the anticipated projections and the statistical numbers along with latest Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and grim economic situation as alarming factors or indicators for revision of current NAP Federal Assistance Funding," Faisao said.

For fiscal year 2007, NAP received $8.22 million for benefits and $1.2 million for operations and then capped at $9.42 million.

As a result of this, on Oct. 1, 2007, NAP was forced to reduce the benefits by .03 percent due to financial limitations.

"We did not get an additional funding for benefits this fiscal year from our grantor agency so we had to do whatever is necessary to continue this service," NAP administrator Eleanor Cruz said.

She added that the funding cap set for fiscal year 2008 restricts the program from providing full benefits to all qualified recipients in the CNMI.

"The [.03 percent] reduction is necessary to sufficiently provide benefits to all existing NAP recipients from October 2007 to September 2008," Cruz said.

On Jan. 11, 2008, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial wrote a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture administrator Allen Ng for consideration in budget increase and the removal of the budget cap imposed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

According to Faisao, the DCCA-NAP expects a "projected increase of roughly around $13 million or more as in the NAP federal assistance program budget, since the CPI has increased in voluminous jumps at about 17 percent to date. Besides, this request will be contingently in place upon approval by our counterpart in Region IX."

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NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE WITH UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS LABOR CASES AND AGENCY CASES CASES

May 19, 2008, first notice

May 26, 2006, second notice

COMPLAINANTS IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

Each of the cases listed below has been submitted by the ombudsman's office to the Department of Labor as a case involving an administrative order issued by a hearing officer at the Administrative Hearing Office as to which there is an award of monetary damages that has not been paid in part or in full amount. The ombudsman's office has not provided the Department with copies of these orders (only a list of cases), therefore complainants will need to provide their own copies.

Any complainant who wishes assistance with respect to these unpaid administrative orders should come to the Round House, Garapan Central Park, on May 28, 2008, on the following schedule:

Last names beginning with A-G 9:00 a.m.
Last names beginning with H-N 10:00 a.m.
Last names beginning with O-Z 11:00 a.m.

Family name	Given name	Case number	Date of award
Abadilla	Ariel F.	CAC#06-105-08	1/17/07
Abaygar	Zenaida	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05
Abaygar	Zenaida	CA#04-0025	4/19/05
Acabal	Vivian H.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05
Africa	Nenita	LC#04-580	3/16/07
Africa	Nenita	CA#04-0025	4/19/05
Aguirre	Evelyn N.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05
Ahmed	Mohammad Feroj	LC#96-580/600/ and 97-616	6/2/03
Ahmed	Sohel	LC#07-238	12/3/07
Alam	Kazi Masud	CAC#02-098-12	6/12/07
Alam	Md. Shah	LC#03-138	5/22/07
Alam	Md. Shah	CAC#02-098-12	6/12/07
Alfaro	Lorna E.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05
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Aliman	Doloras	CA#04-0025	4/19/05
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Ambrocio	Villamin Baing	LC#07-236	12/3/07
Andaya	Daniel Q.	CAC#06-144-11	2/27/07
Andebor	Renaluz	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05
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Aque	Diosdado A.	CAC#04-019-03 CAC#03-006-02	5/21/07
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Barbo	Wilfredo M.	CAC#02-098-12	6/12/07
Barol	Peter P.	CAC#06-105-08	1/17/07
Barrozo	Elma	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05
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Baruela	Rafaela N.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05
Batallones	Shirley	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05
Bendana	Marivic	CA#04-0025	4/19/05
Benemerito	Ortega Enrico	LC#07-123	10/1/07
Bernido	Marlow	CAC#06-105-08	1/17/07
Bhuiyan,	Md. Nazir Ahamed	CAC#02-098-12	4/10/07
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JG Sablan sues over termination of permit to mine pozzolan

JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc. has sued Department of Public Lands Secretary John Del Rosario and 10 other unnamed co-defendants over the alleged unlawful termination of the company's 1995 permit to mine pozzolan on Pagan.

JG Sablan, through counsel Vincent DLG. Torres, asked the Superior Court to order the defendants to pay damages, attorney's fees, and court costs for alleged violation of the company's constitutional rights.

Torres stated in the complaint that in 1992, the Marianas Public Land Authority, the predecessor to DPL, awarded JG Sablan a one-year mining permit to mine the pozzolan on Pagan.

In 1993, the mining permit was renewed and extended for five years.

Torres said that in September 1995, the government entered into a new mining permit with JG Sablan, granting the company exclusive rights on Pagan for 20 years.

The lawyer said that, in April 2006, nine years before the 1995 permit was set to expire, Del Rosario questioned the scope of the 1995 permit.

Torres said the mining rights covered by the 1995 permit extend to the entire island of Pagan, but Del Rosario in April 2006 insisted that the island had been split into three sections and that plaintiff had rights to only one section (A).

JG Sablan met with the defendant on April 26, 2006, to discuss the plaintiff's waiver to sections B and C of the island.

Torres said the defendant expressed his intent to terminate the plaintiff's 1995 permit.

He said the meeting adjourned without any resolution regarding the plaintiff's willingness to waive mining rights to sections B and C.

On May 3, 2006, Torres said, the governor formed a task force with the stated purpose of finding a company to mine pozzolan on Pagan.

On May 3, 2006, the defendant issued an order that gave notice that the 1995 permit had been terminated and was void.

Torres said the order did not give notice of a hearing.

"Neither the defendant nor DPL held a hearing before terminating the 1995 permit," the lawyer asserted.

In response to the order, JG Sablan requested an agency hearing pursuant to the Commonwealth's Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

At the appeal hearing on July 14, 2006, Torres said, JG Sablan made a motion to recuse the defendant as the hearing officer in accordance with the requirements of APA of an impartial hearing officer.

Torres said Del Rosario denied the motion and proceeded to hear the appeal so that he could perpetrate his scheme to deny a property right to the plaintiff.

On Aug. 1, 2006, defendant issued a decision affirming his May 3, 2006 order which terminated and voided plaintiff's 1995 permit.

"The termination of plaintiff's 1995 permit was perpetrated by the defendant for his own personal gain," Torres alleged. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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3 men charged for stealing lighting units from AMP

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Munson

Three men were charged in federal court for allegedly engaging in a conspiracy to steal portions of the metal lighting units from the American Memorial Park and selling them to a recycling center.

Dominic Chipwelong, 24; Masaioshy Daikichi Sallem, 35; and James Ochcha, 52; were indicted with conspiracy to sell government property and theft of government property.

In addition, Ochcha was charged with destruction of veterans' memorials.

The three defendants, all Chuukese, pleaded not guilty.

Ochcha was arrested last Friday, while Chipwelong and Sallem surrendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation last Thursday, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson set the jury trial for July 14, 2008 at 9am.

Munson remanded the defendants back into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

According to the indictment filed by assistant U.S. attorney Beverly R. McCallum, in the morning of Nov. 1, 2007, Chipwelong accompanied by Ochcha sold a portion of the metal lighting units stolen from the American Memorial Park to the employees of Huang Zheng Recycling Center.

In the afternoon on the same day, Chipwelong accompanied by Ochcha allegedly sold another portion of the metal lighting units stolen from the Park to the employees of Huang Zheng Recycling Center.

On Nov. 4, 2007, Sallem allegedly sold a portion of the metal lighting units stolen from the Park to the employees of same recycling center.

The indictment said that on Nov. 5, 2007, Chipwelong sold another portion of the metal lighting units stolen from the Park to the employees of Huang Zheng Recycling Center.

Two days later, Chipwelong and Ochcha went to Huang Zheng Recycling Center and attempted to sell another portion of the metal lighting units stolen from the Park to the center's employees.

Between Nov. 1 to 7, 2007, the three defendants allegedly stole the metal lighting units worth more than $1,000. The units were the property of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The indictment said that between Nov. 1 to 7, 2007, Ochcha destroyed the metal lighting units, structures, and monuments at the Court of Honor located on the Park's property near the Beach Road entrance.

Company sues over CHC extension project

A company has sued another firm for allegedly not paying $33,503 it owed for services rendered in connection with the Commonwealth Health Center's extension project.

Coffel-CTS Saipan Company, through counsel Timothy H. Bellas, requested the Superior Court to hold Carrier Guam Inc. liable to pay the actual damages plus attorney's fees and court costs.

The plaintiff also demanded post judgment interest at the rate of nine percent.

Bellas stated in the complaint that in September 2005, Coffel entered into a contract with Carrier Guam as a sub-contractor in connection with the CHC's extension project.

Bellas said Coffel has provided services as agreed under the contract between the parties.

"Several notices have been sent to Carrier in regards to the unpaid balance of the amount due for the services rendered," the lawyer said.

He said his client has continued to demand payment of the unpaid balance on a monthly basis, but Carrier has made no payments in response.

"Therefore, the above amount represents the total still due and owing to Coffel at the time of the filing of this complaint, not including attorney's fees and costs for the preparation and filing of this complaint and all other services necessary to collect the underlying debt," Bellas said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Maestro Ao Zhang and his talented students gather for a photo shortly after the successful 19th Annual Violin Recital at the Agape Building of the Eucon International School and College Saturday.

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Do Re Mi's young violinists woo audience

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An extraordinary performance took place at the Agape Building of Eucon International School and College Saturday evening, when over 30 students of the Do Re Mi School of Music took the stage with their violins for the 19th Annual Violin Recital.

The performers ranged from children as young as five to adults, all from several different ethnic backgrounds, yet united in one purpose: to play music on the violin and to play it beautifully.

The event which was led by Maestro Ao Zhang, featured solos, duets, and group performances of masterpieces by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, G. Rossini, Jean Battiste Accolay, Handel, Vivaldi, Pachebell, and many others.

Young violinists Zhen Yu Su and Christian Wei wooed the audience with their solo performances of two of some of the most difficult pieces in the name of classical geniuses such as Wieniawski and Mendelssohn.

The evening's emcee Dr. Roland Brown said he was awestruck by the performances of such young violinists.

"This is the first time I've ever been to this kind of concert and I am just so surprised we have this kind [of musical performance] on Saipan. I feel like I want to be a better person just by listening," Brown said.

Zhang said that group worked really hard to get to the level they're in now. "They prepared for one year and I am just so very proud of all their performances. They all did a wonderful job."

Toward the end, the entire group played two of Pachebell's famous numbers—"Canon" and "Parlez Moi D'Amour," two magical classicals that did not fail to tug at listener's heartstrings.

Zhang stressed the importance of learning to play the violin. He acknowledges the fact that playing the violin becomes a part of a person and not just something that one does. "Every violin has a soul connected to the heart," said Zhang said.

Zhang graduated from Tian Jin Conservatory of Music and was accepted to play with the Tian Jin Symphony Orchestra. When he moved to Saipan, Zhang decided to open the Do Re Mi School of Music to share his expertise with the violin.

As the president of the school, Zhang works with instructor Wang Yi in teaching the students how to play the violin.

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A GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

Looking back at the Mariana Islands the past 62 years

Photo of the three Marines that liberated the Sablans, Guerreros, and the Crisostomos from the cave where they were hiding for three weeks during the invasion. From left, George Prevost of Baltimore, MD; Gene Engle of El Cajon, CA; Dave Sablan; and John Sullivan of Burlington, IL. The photo was taken at the Second Marine Association Conference in Seattle, WA, in 1979. The photo shows Sablan pointing at the map where they were captured, just south of Tapochao Hill during the invation.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 19, 1999

Fair Wage Act tossed back to Legislature

Rejecting claims of differences with the private sector over its regulations, the Department of Labor and Immigration yesterday tossed the pressing issues to the Legislature which must amend questionable provisions of the existing laws. DOLI Sec. Mark Zachares said legislators must deal with the concerns raised by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce against some government policies since they are responsible for passing laws that may not be suitable to doing business in the Northern Marianas.

Repatriation program suspended

The Department of Labor and Immigration has suspended a repatriation program for displaced foreign workers in the Northern Marianas as funds set aside to compensate them have been used by the island government for some 500 illegal Chinese immigrants taking refuge on Tinian. Mark Zachares, labor and immigration secretary, said yesterday the department will resume the program once expenditures are reimbursed by the U.S. government.

Chamber, DOLI meet but no diatribe

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday expressed optimism that the concerns raised by its members in connection with the implementation of The Resident Workers Fair Compensation Act will be taken into consideration by the CNMI government. Chamber officers met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Labor Secretary Mark Zachares, key leaders of the legislature and the Attorney General's Office for three hours during which they discussed the proposed amendments to the implementing rules and regulations of Public Law 11-74. The meeting was arranged by Rep. Oscar Babauta, chair of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

May 19, 2000

CUC prods govt to cut utility expenses

ROTA—The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has prodded Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to implement drastic conservation measures in an effort to cut government utility costs amid its failure to settle unpaid bills that now stand at over $12 million. Despite the governor's earlier pledge to pay about $1.4 million every month to CUC, finance officials have only offered $250,000 per quarter—a proposal that will not effectively reduce the government overall debt, according to CUC Board Chair Jesus T. Guerrero.

CONTINENTAL TO CPA: Market demand dictates flight frequency

The sharp reduction in tourist arrivals to the Northern Marianas was not caused by the elimination of all nonstop Continental Micronesia international flights to Saipan but by more pressing economic factors, airline executives told the United States Department of Transportation. In its response to the protest filed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority to the DOT, Continental Micronesia president Bill Meehan said the grave slowdown in the number of Japanese tourists to Saipan has, in fact, forced the airline to streamline its operations on the island.

Borja joins gubernatorial race

Confident of his political victory in next year's elections, former Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Borja yesterday announced his decision to run for governor under the Democratic Party. Speaking before family members and supporters, Mr. Borja stressed the need to restore hope in the future of the Northern Marianas amid the economic recession besetting the CNMI.

May 19, 2003

Dandan pilot reading program improves

Dandan Elementary School's reading program has significantly improved this year, according to the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning. "We've seen a wonderful growth in students based on our assessments," said CNMI PREL program coordinator Jean Olopai.

DPH mulls sin tax funds for cancer prevention program

Department of Public Health officials said they will explore all possible means to get local funding for the continued implementation of the breast and cervical cancer prevention program in the CNMI amid the lack of federal funding. DPH deputy secretary for public health Pete Untalan said in particular that the department hopes to get a share of the so-called sin tax.

DES announces essay contest winners

Dandan Elementary School announced its school-wide essay contest winners in this year's theme "If you were a Legislator, what laws would you create to make the community a safer place for people especially for children and why?"

Sixth grader Chelsea Yangilrefill triumphed over 13 other DES sixth graders who vied for the school's prestigious award—a chance to read her essay piece aloud in front of her fellow graduating classmates at the DES 6th grade farewell ceremony this year.

According to DES principal Jonas M. Barcinas, the essay contest, that takes place every year, is also one of the criteria in determining who is going make up the graduating Top 10, valedictorian, salutatorian, and honorable mention awards aside from taking a rigorous test.

Barcinas said that every year, selected students of the graduating class are given a topic to write and present in front of the fourth and fifth grade classes.

"This is also help them [fourth and fifth graders] learn what to expect when they reach the sixth grade level," Barcinas said.

The essays are then judged by the sixth grade teachers in the following criteria: Content connection with the theme, projection, presentation, and appearance.

The essays are being ranked from one to four—one being the lowest and four being the highest.

"All of them did a wonderful job, but we can only pick the best [out of all of them]," Barcinas said.

Sixth grader Joann Reyes came in second and Michael Santos placed third. ***(Rianne Pangelinan-Brown)***

Live fire training on FDM May 19-23

The Emergency Management Office, Office of the Governor, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit would be conducting live fire training on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla. The schedule dates and time are as follow:

May 19 – 20, 2008 from 6am to 1am – Live Fire Training

May 21 - 23, 2008 from 6am to 1am – Live Fire Training

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a ten (10) nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office, Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. ***(PR)***

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Due to exceptionally limited seating, advance purchase of tickets is highly recommended. The value of each ticket is worth $5.00.

For more information, you can call 235-1251 or email galvin@itecnmi.com, visit their website at www.mcstheatreclub.blogspot.com. ***(Jacqueline Dela Cruz)***

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Technical questions shall be in writing and addressed to Mr. Carl Dela Cruz, Acting Procurement & Supply Officer, via fax # (670) 664-3791. Alternatively, questions may be e-mailed to the following address: *delacruzc@pss.cnmi.mp.*

Contractors are required to submit with their bid, a copy of their valid business license.

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/S/ Dr. David M. Borja, D.B.A.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Carl F. Dela Cruz
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Detention deficit

A 34-year-old man being held in a U.S. facility for foreign detainees dies of heart failure after employees wait more than 40 minutes after his collapse to provide medical help. A permanent legal resident facing deportation because of a 10-year-old conviction for buying stolen jewelry is denied treatment for a suspected recurrence of cancer. An 81-year-old Baptist minister, seeking asylum from his native Haiti, perishes in custody after a nurse concludes he was faking illness.

Health problems misdiagnosed or ignored, detainees injected with psychotropic drugs to make them easier to transport, suicides that could have been prevented. These and other disturbing examples of neglect or incompetence were documented in a four-part series last week by Post reporters Dana Priest and Amy Goldstein that focused on the medical treatment received by the hundreds of thousands of foreigners who are shuffled through the immigration detention system every year. Some are held for legal violations that make them a target for deportation; some are seeking asylum and are being held until their cases are decided. All are in the custody of the U.S. government, which, after the 2001 terrorist attacks, abandoned its "catch and release" approach and opted for detention of all those who may be subject to deportation.

On any given day, there are roughly 33,000 detainees in custody. Over the past five years, since the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, hundreds of thousands of detainees have gone through the system. The Post series documented 83 detainee deaths during this time. Given the size of the population, a certain number of deaths is unavoidable, and the Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS), the unit of Homeland Security that provides medical care for detainees, argues that these statistics show that it provides competent care for the vast majority of those being held. The agency notes that it is prohibited from commenting on specific cases because of the privacy rights of detainees. But even some who work for the DIHS have expressed serious concerns about its ability to provide adequate care to this growing population because of staff shortages and budget shortfalls that inevitably lead to neglect or errors.

The skyrocketing rate of these detentions is not accidental; it is a direct result of an administration policy decision. The administration should rethink this policy. Does it really make sense to hold someone such as Yong Sun Harvill, the woman with the suspected recurrence of cancer, when, if released, she would undoubtedly return to her Florida home to be with her husband and seek care? If the government determines that she must be deported, it's likely she would be easily found.

Funding for the beleaguered system also must be increased. Human error cannot always be avoided, but continuing to underfund and understaff the medical care system for these detainees only increases the chances of an unnecessary tragedy. The law requires that those in U.S. custody be given adequate treatment. Simple decency demands no less.

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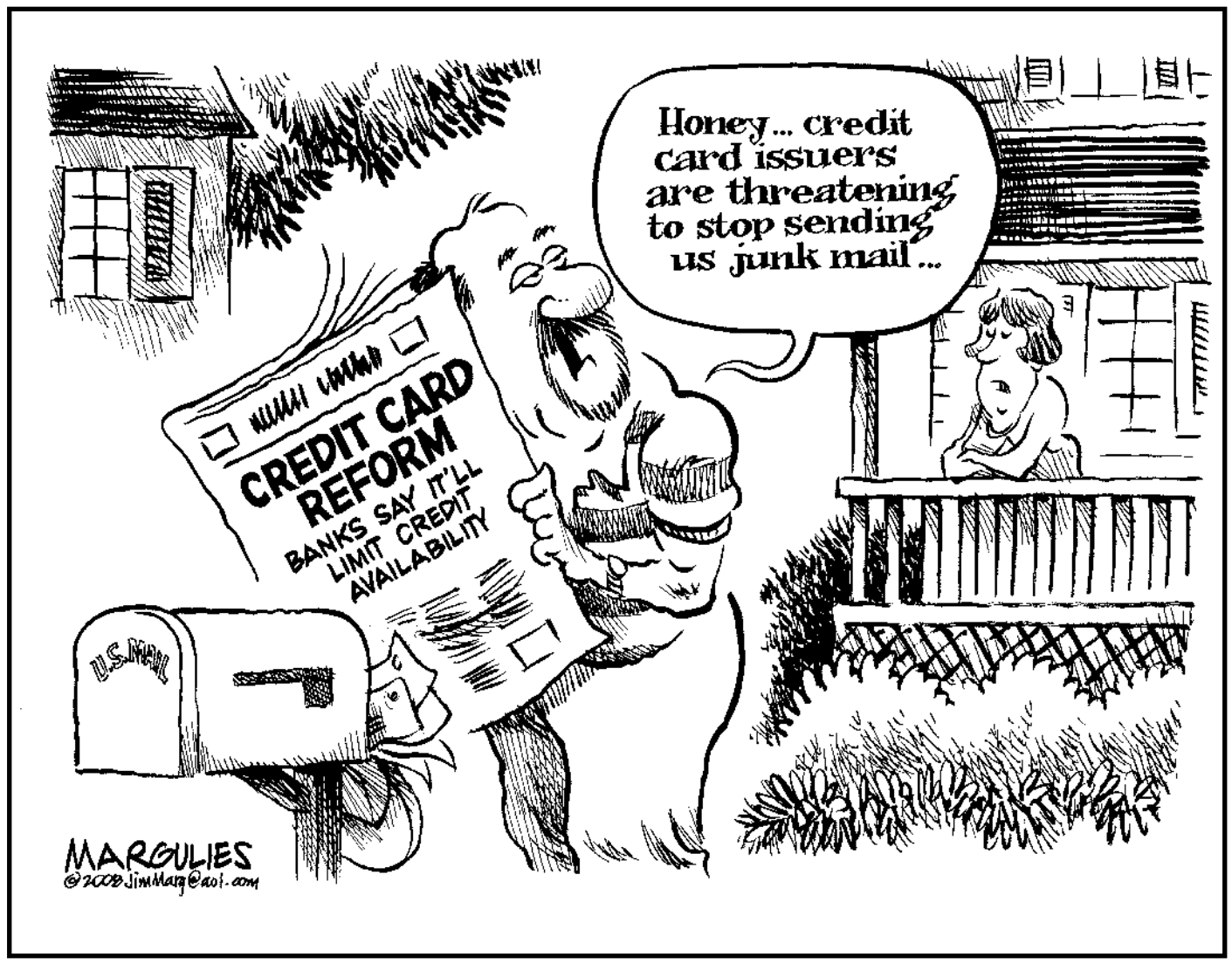

Win or lose by how we choose

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The other day I came across a startling article about the world's smallest island nation called Nauru which is only eight-square miles in area. It is estimated to have a population of 12,000 people. The article discussed how Nauru, only a few years ago, had the highest per capita income in the world but today is literally bankrupt. How could this happen?

As I read the article I recalled that the tall office building in Susupe where the 360 Restaurant is located was formerly owned by the government of Nauru. Then I recalled that one of the largest hotels in Guam was also owned and operated by that government. That hotel has been sold off.

I also learned that the huge Nauru Twin Towers Condominium in Honolulu was also owned by them. That too is sold. Melbourne, Australia, had a towering building called Nauru House. That has been sold also. The Mercure Hotel in Sydney's Railway Square is gone. The Royal Randwick Shopping Center and the Downtowner Hotel along with the Savoy Plaza have also been sold off. The Nauru government also was forced to sell off its five airplanes. Nauru lost all of its investments and became bankrupt in a few years.

Nauru was a trust territory under the control of Australia after the Second World War. But it was granted self-government in 1966 and full independence Jan. 31,1968. In 1990/91, Nauru had assets estimated at $1.3 billion but today that amount has been reduced to an estimated $300 million. In the '70s and '80s, it had the world's highest per capita income. All this huge loss was caused by poor investment decisions and other bad management by the government.

In plain words, the small island nation of Nauru once dubbed "Pleasant Island" by its first white visitor in 1798, is now virtually bankrupt.

"Nauru was once a tropical paradise, a rainforest hung with fruits and flowers, vines and orchids. Now thanks to human avarice, greed, and short-sightedness is mostly a wasteland." This is a direct quote from the finance Minister Kinza Clodumar in the early 1990s. What happened?

Phosphate mining gave Nauru a high per capita income, but now the island after strip-mining is about 80 percent uninhabitable. Foreign laborers were imported to do the mining and other work. The local people were flush with money from royalties gotten from the sale of the phosphate. They didn't want to work. During this heavy mining period little thought was given to what would happen once the phosphate was gone. No attempt was made to rebuild the land after the strip mining of phosphate. They didn't plan for the future

Nauruans literally grew fat on their earnings. People imported tons of Western foods disregarding any health concerns. As a result they have become the most obese people in the world with 90 percent of its people overweight. It also has the world's highest level of type 2 diabetes with more that 40 percent of its citizens afflicted as a result of lack of exercise and improper diet habits. Many of the people are suffering from renal failure and heart disease. The life expectancy for males is 58 years and for females is 65.

The size of its budget deficit for the last few years is unknown. Basically all the wealth it generated was squandered in a number of disastrous investments. Today 95 percent of its people work for the government. The government is used as a welfare state. Unemployment for the remaining people is over 90 percent. The people have learned no skills and are not well educated. In their period of prosperity the average citizen was worth about $500,000. Today the average annual per capita income is $2,038 or about $169 per month!

The country has no reliable commercial banking service. It is plagued by frequent fuel, power, and water shortages while the cost of living has increased drastically. One of the ventures the island of Nauru tried was to act as a detention center for detainees who were trying to enter Australia illegally. This venture caused many problems between the two countries.

However, these detainees taught the Nauruans that by working hard and a little ingenuity, it is possible to grow food despite water shortages on the very limited availability of arable land. The asylum seekers have miraculously grown oranges, pineapples and vegetables. As result many of the people have now turned to subsistence farming and fishing.

For a period of time Nauru had about 400 shell banks which were used for money laundering. In 1998, some $70 billion dollars was deposited by Russians seeking to hide their money as their economy collapsed. Nauru became the center of the world for money laundering. Finally, it was put on the blacklist by the U.S. Treasury and by other countries putting an end to this activity.

In desperation it then began to sell passports for $15,000 to $35,000 each. This too was put a stop. Then Nauru opened a detention center for processed asylum seekers that had tried to enter Australia illegally. Today it is playing games with Taiwan and Mainland China by selling off its fishing rights and trying to see how much money it can borrow from each to survive.

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Community of educators

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Vergara is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune*'s Opinion Section.*

John S. Kendall, a senior research director at McREL, develops, directs, and provides standards-related services for schools, districts, states, and other organizations. He is presently with the PSS' State level Learning Communities to assist in the understanding and finer refinement of existing standard-based teaching and learning in the CNMI.

In defining what standards and benchmarks are, Kendall's definition reminded me of a history professor who defined "history as what historians write," a tautology but a realistic and useful one. Mr. Kendall says *inter alia* that standards and benchmarks are what a community of educators consense students will learn. Which begs the question of who constitutes the community of educators?

This is not an article about Mr. Kendall's views of the so-called standards-based movement within the education community. (For an issue brief that Mr. Kendall co-authored, download http://www.mcrel.org/PDF/Standards/5962IR_FallAndRise.pdf. For the hoi polloi account of the history and content of standards-based education, refer to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standards_based_education_reform.) This reflection is on who and how a community of educators is constituted, especially with the current attempt of PSS to organize State level Learning Communities, and the declared intent to soon extend the process to the local school level.

First, the State-level Learning Communities are organized by subject areas and grade levels. Local Principals assign school representatives to the groups. My experience with the members of Social Studies group is that we had regulars and irregulars. The task, however, was clear: review the existing Standards and Benchmarks, assess its clarity and manageability, and recommend changes if needed. Our group may not have been very efficient, but there is no denying of the amount of work inputed.

Earlier, cluster experiment(s) of three schools were gathered as Learning Communities to share locally developed curriculum maps and other outputs, forcing the issue of unpacking the handed-down standards and benchmarks. One may not be clear of the value of the outputs, but there is no denying the volume of effort expended.

These learning communities had been organized by decree, a central office initiative that the cynical quickly dubbed as another rite of compliance to grant mandates, a common practice in a grant-dependent operation. Then there are the hopefuls who view these as viable and necessary conversations on commonality, clarity and coherence on the taught curriculum across the board, with the caveat of looking at what and how students learn in addition to what and how teachers teach.

The community of educators for PSS has its beginnings with the learning communities, but ideologically, it has articulated a broader resolve—a comprehensive coverage in the gathering of all stakeholders in the education process.

In the same vein as Hillary Clinton's appropriation of the African saying, *"It takes a village to raise a child,"* PSS has began articulating the involvement of all stakeholders in the education process. Accreditation documents include attempts, or about-to-be-attempted site-management programs to involve community stakeholders, engaging parents participation in all aspects of the curriculum, and even formulating student councils for their input into the process. Some have inventoried the organizations and establishments within their geographical communities for possible operational inclusion, and of course, from formal financial incentives through legislation to active recruitment by teachers, parents and administrator, the business sector has the school classroom doors open to them, for promotions on their activities and their expectations of those intending to join the workforce in the economy. Ditto for constituted public agencies, and civil voluntary organizations.

> What is clear is that standard-based education as a reform tool within PSS will languish in continuing ineptitude for as long as the movement is a top-down operated and hierarchically maintained process, where teachers have to be induced by extra remuneration to attend meetings and cajoled with door prizes to stay the course.

So, who are the community of educators again?

In a time when we could not let the dust on the COE selection process settle down so that we can go on with the effective administration of PSS, to the BOE naiveté in thinking that it has no moral responsibility, let alone, legal liabilities in downgrading salaries within existing contracts just because someone had not complied with the arbitrary requirements of HQT, or the mindless and insensitive handling of contracts that left a lot of teachers feeling used like discarded condoms in the island's proliferating massage parlors and karaoke joints, a government that is unanimous in mouthing "education as everyone's priority" but failing to put the public coffers behind their rhetoric, and finally, a teachers association whose sputtering organizational quakes are measured more by the intensity of the tremors in lodging complaints and launching ego trips than in fostering the need to have a disciplined and dedicated professional body of pedagogues within an dynamic education system—my, this is a long sentence, and I have not included the bewildered students and the lost parents in the tableau, yet—then, we might be forgiven our confusion if we do not understand who exactly it is that Mr. Kendall is referring to when he points to the 'community of educators' who will consense on the standards and benchmarks that our students are to learn!

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My guru in Tinian dutifully repeats his refrain: Vergara, you are thinking again!

Letters to the Editor

We should care

From the day S. 2739 (now PL 110 -229) was signed by President Bush, speculations on who are running started to become a hot topic among conversations. By now, few names have surfaced. Just recently, CNMI Washington Pete A. Tenorio announced that he is a candidate. The other names being mentioned as possible candidates are Sec. Eloy Inos, Judge Juan Lizama, Robert Torres, and Former Gov. Juan Babauta.

I believe that the Congressional Delegate especially during the next five years will play a very vital role. It's not only because of the historical value of being the first CNMI Congressional delegate but more so because we are expecting a lot of actions happening during that period.

And while it may seem like the issue of electing the first Congressional Delegate does not affect the guest workers, think again. He is the voice of CNMI to Washington. Therefore, I think we, the guest workers, should help in anyway we can to make sure that the candidate who has sincere concern for the guest workers will win. Yes, we cannot vote and yes what we can do is limited but there is a way. For example, I'm sure that each of us has at least one or two local friends or family, tell them why you want your candidate to win. I'm sure that there are other ways to help a candidate.

If we are united in this endeavor, I'm sure we can create an impact. United we stand!

Let's start to care.

Irene N. Tantiado
Capital Hill

Pro se litigant topic revisited

It was annoying to read that Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood referred to John S. Pangelinan as the "most active pro se litigant" (he sues without a lawyer) in the Commonwealth.

I attribute that statement to the fact that she is a Guamer and not resident in the CNMI. I say that my long time acquaintance and former colleague Jack Angello is a contender for that title. Just based on his suits against our mutual former employer, NMC, he is a competitor, but he has had other cases with other organizations over the years that should put him over the top for this dubious honor.

True, he hasn't threatened anyone in his filings or letters to the editor, so his prominence as a pro se litigant has been diminished, but he has been both consistent and persistent in his approach for many years, long before Mr. Pangelinan became prominent for his legal issues.

As a former newspaper editor myself, let me suggest great care in the use of superlatives (first, most, best) in all forms of reporting. Too often, it turns out that the sources being relied upon simply don't know of other examples when they use such terms.

Philip Swett
Newport, Oregon

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From Page 10

Australia was the closest ally of Nauru helping it to market its phosphate, lending money, and by other assistance. It helped Nauru build its fortune, but today that relationship is quite strained between the two countries. Here is a quote from a news columnist that sums up Australia's feelings and concerns:

"The failure of an entire country raises profound questions for Australia. As it became poorer, Nauru sought to sell off its sovereignty—its fishing rights, satellite rights, passports and banking licenses. It was even bought off by Australia as a jail for refugees.

Can Australia now provide the ultimate bail out? Can we allow the Nauruans free passage to this country, overturning our immigration policy and, ironically, opening a door that was closed to those in its detention center?"

By now you probably are wondering why I am writing about a tiny country called Nauru and what does it have to do with us and the CNMI. The events that caused the small country of Nauru to become bankrupt are obvious. But we should read closely what the Nauruans did to their country and to themselves through greed and lack of planning. Perhaps we can find a lesson for ourselves. Have we mined—out our "phosphate?" What plans do we have to rebuild our economy? How are we planning our future?

Have we considered what would happen if our relationship with the United States were to become ruptured? I hate to think what would happen to us if Washington were to reconsider its relationship with us. This thought has been on my mind for a long time. The Nauruans thought the party would never end.

One of the tragedies of life is that many times we fail to appreciate a relationship until we lose it. Try as hard as we will to regain it, the relationship is never quite the same. Let us think about what we are doing in this drastic time of change. Do we want confrontation or cooperation? Our future depends on the choice we make. **In life we win or lose by how we choose**.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly sunny with scattered showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼76°	▲84° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°	▲85° ▼76°	▲85° ▼76°

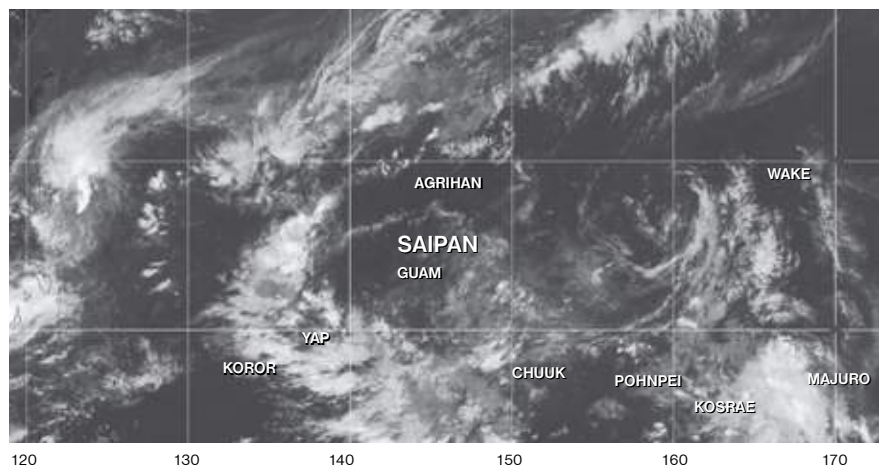
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Yap	Thunderstrorms	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼74
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼75

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼47
Beijing	Sunny	▲81	▼54
Hong Kong	Showers	▲79	▼70
Honolulu	Partly Sunny	▲82	▼73
London	Cloudy	▲63	▼43
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼62
Manila	Showers	▲91	▼79
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲65	▼52
Miami	Cloudy	▲89	▼74
New York	Cloudy	▲60	▼50
Osaka	Showers	▲68	▼62
Paris	Cloudy	▲67	▼49
Pusan	Showers	▲68	▼50
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲73	▼56
Salem	Cloudy	▲72	▼51
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲69	▼53
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼48
Tokyo	Showers	▲69	▼60
Washington, DC	Partly Sunny	▲68	▼49

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008
Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Cold front trails southwestward from 25N152E to 23N145E, then continues as a warm front to a weak circulation centered southeast of Okinawa near 22N137E, then continues westward as a stationary front to beyond 130E at 22N. A surface trough also runs northeastward from 18N130E to the circulation southeast of Okinawa. Extensive cloudiness and patchy rain are found along and up to 150 miles north of the frontal boundary. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring within 80 miles of the trough axis. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from 15N130E through a broad circulation centered southwest of Guam near 8N144E, then eastward to 7N155E and finally southeastward to end at EQ164E. Converging winds near northwestern portion of the trough are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Yap in an area bounded by a line from 19N139E to 13N133E to 10N134E to 10N139E back to 19N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the remainder of the trough and circulation are found in Yap and Chuuk States in an area bounded by a line from 10N134E to 10N150E to 2N151E to 2N141E back to 10N134E. A surface trough stretches northward from EQ165E to 10N167E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough are forming southwest of Kwajalein and Majuro within 170 miles of a line from 1N166E to 9N167E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Majuro within 80 miles of a line from 4N172E to 5N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
1:14AM Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
6:11AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:36PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
8:37PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47AM	6:40PM
Tuesday	5:47AM	6:40PM
Wednesday	5:47AM	6:40PM
Thursday	5:47AM	6:41PM
Friday	5:47AM	6:41PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:00PM	4:45AM
Tuesday	6:52PM	5:27AM
Wednesday	7:45PM	6:13AM
Thursday	8:36PM	7:02AM
Friday	9:26PM	7:54AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 8, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO 9313	8:30am	9:05am	3,4,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9597	8:30am	9:20am	1,2,5,6
CO9313	8:30am	10:00am	3,4,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 078	8:40am	2:00pm	Daily via Nagoya
NW 075	4:45pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:40am	11:25am	Daily

Saipan-Manila

CO 895	4:45pm	6:35pm	6
CO 895	6:45pm	8:35pm	3

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,4,5,7

Guam-Manila

CO 891	6:00am	10:30am	3 via Yap and Koror
CO 893	6:30am	8:05am	6
CO 893	8:25am	10:00am	2,7
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

Saipan-Guanzhou

CZ 3008	5:00am	8:00am	2,6

Guam-Hongkong

CO 909	6:40pm	9:25pm	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	10:15am	10:45am	1,2,6

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	11:10am	11:45am	1,2,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9598	10:15am	11:45am	1,2,6 via Rota
CO9600	10:45am	11:35am	3,4,5,7
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:50pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:25am+1	Daily via Nagoya

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:25am+1	Daily

Manila-Saipan

CO 890	9:15am	2:55pm	6
CO 890	11:45am	5:35pm	3

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:30pm	2,4,6,7
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	3,4,6,7

Manila-Guam

CO 894	11:20am	4:55pm	2,7
CO 894	7:45pm	1:20am+1	6
CO 892	9:45pm	6:30am+1	3 via Koror and Yap
CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:15pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

Guanzhou-Saipan

CZ 3007	8:00pm	4:00am+1	1,5

Hongkong-Guam

CO 910	10:35pm	5:15am+1	1,5

Rota-Guam

CO 9313	9:30am	10:00am	3,4,7

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Letters to the Editor

The administration, CUC, and why the oppression

The actions of the administration and the new CUC executive director, a personal financial consultant to the governor, have been nothing but oppression against a depressed community and a complete cover-up.

The consumers are now being pressured toward a full privatization of our power plant, a Public Utilities Corporation. Although, privatization is favored by some as being the only solution, it is said that it will save the government more money, more money for what?

Privatization has its pros and cons especially with those involve in the bidding process? Currently the power plant rehabilitation and repair cost have reached well over $10 million as of March, being that $6.5 came from the Department of Interior through a matching fund scenario.

The PIO for the administration back in March had stated publicly in the media that "Cost to repair power plants had reached nearly $10 million (*Tribune* 3/31/08 edition) and the main contractor was awarded $5,006,470.90 according to the signed contract agreements.

The administration continues to point out that the contract for DCM and EEI partnership was for $5.1 million. Now, the question is its MAY 2008, how much is the current repair cost? Did it exceed projection? Is this why the consumers are being oppressed and demanded to pay double the rate?

The PIO went on to say that local funds will be used to pay for contracts, and being that the government is broke where is this administration getting the payments? The consumers need to understand the issues behind this rehabilitation and repair contracts of our power plants vs. no money in the general fun to pay for fuel and the sudden questionable extreme exorbitant high utility rates slammed on the consumers including the taking of 50 percent our security deposits whether we like it or not to pay for fuel and three years to pay back and thanks to our elected leaders up in the hill whom gave this administration the unlimited powers to do so, for which they themselves are now confused and are questioning the extreme exorbitant rate.

The other day a lawmaker asked me, Mr. Cruz can we get a copy of what you have, I politely responded, sure not a problem but it will cost you .75 cents a page at 150pgs. This had always been the problem with our leaders, ACT FIRST, THINK LATER without a thorough knowledge of the issue. We ask all the consumers to toss all this in a mixing bowl like how one would when mixing a fruit salad scenario and we guarantee you that the end product will be good or bad and in this case its really bad.

The consumers are being jacked blindly, and the only thing their being told is "the price of oil by the barrel had risen tremendously" and it can't be controlled and its happening all over the world.

Well TAOTAO TANO continues to address that NO WAY although it's is a reality that fuel crisis is a global issue the internal issues are not. We continue to advocate that the answer lies within the contracts, and a serious investigation is warranted as to why the Governor of our homeland abuses his executive powers declaring "Calamities" left and right as an excuse to oppress the consumers.

TAOTAO TANO reiterates that this tactical maneuvering of abuse of authority is nothing other than tapping into other governmental agencies funding to pay for existing ongoing contracts, but now that there is no money in the general fund, who else will they going tap into? You guessed it.

To my fellow consumers we leave you with these questions; Are we going to allow this administration to continue their abusive nature or are we going to fight back and demand answers. Check your security deposits, ask question, demand answers, it your right as a consumer.

By the way DCM and EEI partnership is not the only contractor or vendors involved there is also Mitsubishi Corp. awarded $2.28 million, CBM Tech. Pty.Ltd ($375,700.00), SAI Traders ($431,300.00), Sought Pacific Eng. ($25,440.00), IMSE BUBA ($3,534.00), Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. ($21,910.00) and finally SELF-INTEREST Corp. $$???.???.?? as of March 2008.

We hope that we had given you the consumer a bit of information as to what TAOTAO TANO is looking into and as for the PIO we say this, if this report is what you call "looking in the wrong places" we hope that the Feds are reading this including the Public Auditor for in the end you might just end up with pay dirt and out of a job yourself. Oh lastly, why was there no RFP or bid done on this deals? Explain "CALAMITY."

Gregorio Cruz
TAOTAO TANO president

To CUC, PUC, and Senators

The question from everybody is about the CUC rates and how CUC can justify the past and now current rate increase.

The big question is exactly how much does it cost to generate the power with current engines.

The first answer should be how much is the government paying on its bill monthly and how much does it still owes CUC and why are the taxpayers subsidizing the government.

To CUC; try use the following equation to answer some questions about the current rate.

Pt = (1+INFt-Xt +Zt) * P t-1 (sorry cannot list these exactly with typed print, but CUC director, or supervisor should understand)

- Pt, is a measure of system average rate or price of electricity.
- INFt, is a measure of inflation relative to the cost of inputs to electric service.
- Xt, is the productivity offset and
- Zt, is an adjustment for other exogenous factors.

Just fill in the blanks and figure it out. (Assuming that there are some kind of record keeping) If this is going to be a problem doing the equation, I would suggest you feed the info to Telesource, Tinian (or the NMI College) and ask them to help with this equation.

When CUC figures this out it should answer a lot of questions. The answer may surprise a lot of people.

On another note; When we were on self generation at IBB (Voice of America) Tinian in 1999/2000 we where running at 8.9 efficiency which is near as perfect as you could get. (We were only running three transmitters then at 250k power).

When Tinian (Telesource) CUC power plant came online, according to my notes, they where running at 9.9 (which is extremely good for their engines) and Dynasty was not on the grid yet. (It would be interesting what the numbers for Tinian are now as the engines are a few years old)

This is what CUC should be coming up with for answers. This is standard and should be figured and logged in the monthly report along with the daily shift readings on the statistics, so you can see where the gensets and the power plants are headed instead of waiting 20+ years to find out many people are not doing their job.

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS PENDING DENIAL APPEALS
FOR MAY 19, 20, 22, 23, 29, & 30, 2008

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Please bring any documentation necessary to resolve the issues that led to the denial of your permit application. If you fail to appear or fail to bring required documentation, the appeal may be dismissed and an administrative order may be entered against you. Any employee who intends to request permission to transfer to a new employer must appear at the hearing to make that request; failure to appear may result in immediate denial of transfer relief.

Case No.	Employee	Employer	Hearing Date	Time
DC 08-403	Pamaran, Rowell C.	Aguon, Clyde N.	May 22, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-451	Escueta, Susan P.	AR Ent. Inc.	May 22, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-499	Dumpit, Amy Marcella A.	Aranda, Roxanne D.	May 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-102	Magbanua, Riza B.	Asia Pacific Overseas Inc.	May 30, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-226A	Asuncion, Arnold C.	Asuncion, Carmelito O.	May 20, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-010	Baitlon, Glenn T.	Baitlon, Teresita	May 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-302	Bermudo Jr., Olimpio P.	Baltazar, Luisto	May 22, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-493	Jin, Yufen	Big Bell Inc.	May 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-484	Martinez, Larry S.	Brant, Sally S.	May 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-483	Wang, Ju	Cabrera, Fuyun Ya	May 29, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-521	Seno, Anita Linda G.	Camacho, Aida A.	May 30, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-469	Quimen Jr., Pablo A.	Camacho, Antonio S.	May 29, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-258	Liu, Xingguo	Century Corp.	May 19, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-323	Sotto, Romeo M.	Cepeda, Norma S.	May 23, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-276	Tong, Lianfang	Cui Rong Corporation	May 19, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-271	Diama, Domingo C.	Dailey, Myrna	May 19, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-270	Saturno, Eddie S.	Dailey, Myrna S. C.	May 19, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-230	Cabanes, Amalia DL.	Dela Cruz T&D Shop	May 20, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-480	Verano, Shirley S.	Dela Cruz, Cristina B.	May 29, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-309	Gomez, Eddie Dlc.	Elms Inc.	May 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-442	Robles, Danilo R.	Esolution Inc.	May 23, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-452	Wang, Guotao	Freedom Inc.	May 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-262	Hu, Lunrong	Fu Mei Development Corp.	May 23, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-131	Restauro, Charito R.	Gaddy, Rosy D.	May 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-115	Sahagun, Ruben G.	Golden Eagle Corporation	May 23, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-367	Bi, Qian Dang	Guanglim Corporation	May 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-243	Cruz, Felix H.	Hart, Arlene D.	May 22, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-244	Palma, Rowena P.	Hart, Arlene D.	May 22, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-563	Xu, Wangzheng	Hawaii Corporation	May 30, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-561	Cantalejo, Rolando D.	Inter Pacific Resort Corp.	May 30, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-388	Hipolito, Leonila P.	J M Enterprises Inc.	May 22, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-275	Sanchez, Gloria L.	Jabrian, Karikour M.	May 22, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-255	Wu, Wei Yun	Janvier Corporation	May 22, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-251	Garillo, Ernesto V.	Jap Professional Corporation	May 19, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-250	Mirasol, Zenaida C.	Jap Professional Corporation	May 23, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-161	David, Alexander E.	Jebehn, Ma. Hellena E.	May 19, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-440	Xue, Jiang	JK Corporation	May 23, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-444	Rollon, Aissa S.	JRC Logistics (Saipan), Inc.	May 22, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-406	Bautista, Basilia L.	Julim Ent. Inc.	May 22, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-429	Ko, Moon Hee	K. SS. K. Corporation	May 23, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-559	Santos, Eugenio Jr., C.	Kintol, James P.	May 30, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-443	Miao, Yuan Jun	L Y & Z American Corporation	May 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-277	Liu, Jun	Liao Ti Corporation	May 19, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-571	Doca, Rito B.	MAC-US Int'l. Inc.	May 30, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-517	Crisostomo, Pepe R.	Marianas Security Corporation	May 30, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-402	Yoneda, Jun Ji	Marianas Sunrise Ent. Inc.	May 22, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-130	Bedruz, Jenette C.	Meros Corporation	May 22, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-225B	Carreon, Macrino Q.	Meros Corporation	May 20, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-409	Shang, Yu Zhen	Micronesia Holding Co., LCC	May 22, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-505	Aguirre, Evelyn	Micronesia Woodcraft Ent., Inc.	May 30, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-502	Parocha, Eduardo S.	Micronesia Woodcraft Ent., Inc.	May 30, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-504	Sibulo, Carmen	Micronesia Woodcraft Ent., Inc.	May 30, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-503	Sicat, Suzette M.	Micronesia Woodcraft Ent., Inc.	May 30, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-507	Tulali, George S.	Micronesian Woodcraft Ent.	May 30, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-342	Bechayda, Arnulfo B.	Mirano, Earl E. C.	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-347	Chua, Leonedes C.	Mirano, Earl E. C.	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-344	Cobacha, Joselito	Mirano, Earl E. C.	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-345	Corpuz, Rusell R.	Mirano, Earl E. C.	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-343	Matias, Daisy P.	Mirano, Earl E. C.	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-346	Rago, Franklin A.	Mirano, Earl E. C.	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-474	Pan, Yi Bin	New Pacificaisia Trading, Inc.	May 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-133	Choi, Jae Ho	Nury Corporation	May 22, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-527	Manipon, Henry P.	One Coin Diving Inc.	May 30, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-257	Huang, Zheng	Pacific Fang Hui Corp.	May 23, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-256	Alulod, Dolores T.	Par Enterprises Inc.	May 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-479	Zhao, Yang	Peace Asia Pacific Corporation	May 29, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-321	Shen, Wenzhe	PQ Corporation	May 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-221	Yuanyuan, Liu	R & H USA Investment Corp. Ltd.	May 20, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-160	Apas, Renee P.	R & S Enterprises, Inc.	May 30, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-516	Lumahan, Danny A.	Resources Mgmt. Int'l. Corp.	May 30, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-264	Parfan, Rolando B.	Reyes, Consuelo M.	May 20, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-158	Entendez, Romeo Jr., L.	Roberto, Juan B.	May 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-132	Agbayani, Nida R.	Rodens Corporation	May 23, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-225A	Tamayo, Federico C.	Romavilla Corporation	May 20, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-454	Sakano, Mihoko	Saipan Coral Reef, Inc.	May 22, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-0488A	Suarez, Rodrigo R.	Se Young Corporation	May 29, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-473	Suarez, Rodrigo R.	Se Young Corporation	May 29, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-518	Shi, Li Hui	S-Trading Saipan Co., Ltd.	May 30, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-410	Shang, Li	Sunleader Co. Ltd.	May 22, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-506	Mendoza, Alvin M.	Taimanao, Mague	May 30, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-466	San Pedro, Rosanna D.	Teregeyo, Charlene C.	May 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-482	Tucay, Benjamin O.	Teregeyo, Charlene C.	May 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-475	Valerio, Marco E.	Valerio, Cristina B.	May 29, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-124	Culanggo, Lucia I.	White House Ent. Inc.	May 22, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-125	Olasiman, Marcela B.	White House Ent. Inc.	May 22, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-471	Flores, Jeffrey P.	World Int'l. Corp.	May 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-446	Nardo, Elizabeth B.	Xin Long Corporation	May 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-306	Shin, Im Soon	Y.H. Corporation	May 22, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-488B	Ma, Xiang Hong	Yao Bang Development Corp.	May 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-522	Jin, Jinhuan	Yioh Corporation	May 30, 2008	2:00 p.m.

Business

UAW, American Axle reach deal that could end strike

DETROIT (AP)—American Axle and Manufacturing Holdings Inc. boosted its wage offer and increased the payments it will give workers to take a wage cut as part of a tentative agreement that could settle an 11-week strike by the United Auto Workers union, a person briefed on the deal said Saturday.

American Axle had been offering a pay cut from $28 to $17 per hour for production workers, with a $90,000 wage "buy down" over three years to help workers make the transition to lower pay.

The person, who asked not to be identified because the deal has not yet been presented to workers, said the agreement reached Friday includes pay of $18.50 per hour and increases the size of the buy down.

The deal is similar to what the UAW agreed to with auto parts maker Delphi Corp. last year, the person said. In that deal, Delphi agreed to pay workers "buy downs" of $105,000 over three years.

Noncore workers, which are those that aren't involved in actual manufacturing, would be paid $14.55 per hour, the person said, while skilled trades workers would get $26 per hour.

American Axle confirmed Friday night that both sides had agreed on a deal, but details weren't released. UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said in a statement Friday night that the American Axle bargaining committee voted to recommend the agreement to members, who would get details starting Sunday.

The agreement, which still must be voted on by about 3,600 workers at five plants in New York and Michigan, includes the closure of American Axle's Detroit and Tonawanda, N.Y., forge operations. It also has a separate but lower pay scale for American Axle's operations in Three Rivers, Mich., the person said.

The deal could end a bitter strike that has dragged on since Feb. 26, crippling production at about 30 General Motors Corp. assembly plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, and causing thousands of layoffs at other parts supply companies.

Strike captain Duane Thompson said ratification will depend on whether workers believe they can get a better offer. He thinks a better deal than what's been reported can be negotiated.

"There's a bunch of us who don't like it because we feel we deserve more, or just leave what we have alone. But don't take away from us," said Thompson, a Hamtramck resident.

Thompson also said he worries about the impact this contract could have on future contracts for all UAW workers.

"If we pass it, it will make people look funny at us: 'Did you do everything in your power to win, or did you just give up the fight?'" Thompson said.

Skilled trades worker Doug Sherrill, of Macomb County's Macomb Township, said Saturday that union workers are skeptical.

"We're happy we got a tentative agreement, but is it going to pass? The way people feel around here is it's going to be a tough sell," Sherrill said.

UAW workers were picketing Saturday, and plan to continue until an agreement is ratified, but they are feeling the pinch of living on strike pay for nearly 12 weeks, non-production worker Leo McGucki said.

"There's a lot of people hurting," McGucki said, a Warren resident who has worked for American Axle for nearly 13 years.

Still, Thompson said the workers know what's at stake.

"This is our livelihood we're talking about. We can't take that lightly," he said.

It took an offer of a $200 million infusion from GM earlier this month to increase the offer to help reach the agreement.

UAW Local 235 President Adrian King would not comment on specifics. He said the deal was hard-fought and the best the union could do under the current economic circumstances and amid company threats to move work to other countries.

Union rejects American Airlines contract offer

DALLAS (AP)—Negotiators for union mechanics and bag handlers at American Airlines have rejected a contract proposal from American Airlines that called for lump-sum payments instead of wage increases.

The union's top leaders recommended that rank-and-file employees be allowed to vote on the proposal, but the negotiating committee for the Transport Workers union rejected the package.

American, the nation's largest carrier, said the union rejected a comprehensive proposal that included additional vacation and sick leave while recognizing "the economic realities facing the industry and our company."

American's parent, Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., lost $328 million in the first quarter, due largely to record prices for jet fuel.

"In addition, American's labor costs are the highest in the industry," the company said on the Web site. "While we could not address structural increases at this time, the tentative agreement did include improvements in pay and paid time off for TWU-represented employees."

James C. Little, the TWU's international president, said Saturday that he and the international organization recommended that the company's proposal be submitted to members for a vote. Little, however, didn't endorse the package, which fell short of the union's goal of restoring wages and benefits that were lost in 2003 and only covered two years.

"It doesn't meet all our needs, but there is an upside to this," Little said. "The recommendation from international was to let the members decide because of the uncertainty of the industry" and workers' own financial concerns.

Little said the union might next ask for help from federal mediators.

American's proposal called for lump sum payments upon signing of 5 percent of a worker's pay excluding overtime earnings, and 3.5 percent of such pay a year later. The airline also indicated it would explore "variable" pay tied to corporate and local business results.

Chicago company recalls meat for E. coli concerns

CHICAGO (AP)—Federal officials say a Chicago-based company is recalling beef products distributed in 11 states because of possible E. coli contamination.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Saturday that no illnesses have reported from the meat, produced by JSM Meat Holdings Co. The agency was uncertain how much meat is being recalled.

The meat being recalled is used in ground beef products. Included are 30-pound and 60-pound boxes and 47-gallon barrels of "MORREALE MEAT" beef products. The products have the number "EST. 6872" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

The products have 15 different labels including, "Boneless Chucks," "Boneless Clods," "Flat Rounds," "Gooseneck Rounds" and "Knuckle."

A message left for a company spokesman after business hours wasn't immediately returned.

The states affected are Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

E. coli, a potentially deadly bacteria, can cause diarrhea, dehydration and kidney failure.

Nation

Obama seeks focus on end of primary campaign

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Attempting to lay a symbolic claim to his party's presidential nomination, Democrat Barack Obama will mark the latest round of primary voting with a rally in Iowa, where his solid win in January caucuses propelled him to his status as the front-runner.

Obama was campaigning Saturday for primaries Tuesday in Oregon and Kentucky as his aides announced the rally on primary night in Iowa, which they described as "a critical general election state that Democrats must win in November."

Rival Hillary Rodham Clinton has a strong lead in polls in Kentucky, but Obama has the advantage in Oregon.

Obama has built a solid lead in Democratic National Convention delegates over Clinton, and is working overtime to cast an image of inevitability to his campaign for the nomination. In recent days, he has spent more time focused on his differences with certain Republican nominee John McCain than sparring with Clinton.

While touring a hospital Saturday, Obama was asked by X-ray technician Ron Spooner, "How do I know that I can trust you?"

"The nice thing is we're going to have four more months, five more months of active campaigning where you can watch and see if I am consistent, do I stay honest," said Obama.

Kennedy hospitalized after seizure

BOSTON (AP)—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the lone surviving son in a famed political family, suffered a seizure at his Cape Cod home on Saturday morning but was recovering well enough by afternoon to watch a Red Sox game from his hospital room.

The 76-year-old Kennedy did not suffer a stroke, as was first feared, and doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital said he is not in any immediate danger.

"He's resting comfortably, and watching the Red Sox game with his family," said Dr. Larry Ronan, his primary care physician. "Over the next couple of days, Senator Kennedy will undergo further evaluation to determine the cause of the seizure, and a course of treatment will be determined at that time."

Kennedy

On Saturday morning, Kennedy felt ill at his home and went to Cape Cod Hospital. After a discussion with his doctors in Boston, the senator was flown by helicopter to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was soon joined by his wife Victoria, three of his children and his niece, Caroline Kennedy.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he spoke to Kennedy's wife in the afternoon and was told "his condition is not life-threatening, but serious."

"But the one thing I can say, if there ever was a fighter, anyone who stood for what we as Americans, we as Democrats, stand for, it's Ted Kennedy," Reid said addressing the Nevada Democratic Convention in Reno.

In October, Kennedy had surgery to repair a nearly complete blockage in a major neck artery. The discovery was made during a routine examination of a decades-old back injury.

The hourlong procedure on his left carotid artery—a main supplier of blood to the face and brain—was performed at Massachusetts General. This type of operation is performed on more than 180,000 people a year to prevent a stroke.

The doctor who operated on Kennedy said at the time that surgery is reserved for those with more than 70 percent blockage, and Kennedy had "a very high-grade blockage."

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Gunman wounds 3 outside California church

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire at a church festival Saturday, wounding his ex-wife and two bystanders before festival-goers grabbed him and held him for police, authorities and a church official said. Witnesses described a chaotic scene, with people screaming and running for the exit after gunfire rang out on a grassy field where the festival was being set up at the St. John Baptist de la Salle Roman Catholic parish. "I heard bang, bang, bang, bang. It sounded like balloons popping," said Jeff Sempelsz, a church volunteer who was setting up a booth when the man started shooting. "I didn't know what it was but I could see the rifle in his hand." Father Robert Milbauer, the parish's pastor, said a woman injured in the attack was the gunman's ex-wife. The two have a child who attends the school and had been mired in an ongoing dispute, Ruiz said. "We believe this is an isolated incident, a domestic-violence dispute," police Capt. Steven Ruiz said. The gunman's identity was not immediately released.

3 NIU shooting victims to get posthumous degrees

DEKALB, Ill. (AP)—Hundreds of students ran screaming from the lecture hall three months ago to escape a gunman who had opened fire inside. On Saturday, while much of the rest of the campus celebrated graduation, a somber Laurel Dubowski stood outside the building's glass doors. "I'm still very, very sad," she said, her voice breaking. "I'm devastated." Earlier Saturday, Dubowski had walked onto an auditorium stage to accept a posthumous degree for her daughter Gayle Dubowski, one of five students killed in a geology class in the red-bricked Cole Hall on Feb. 14. In all, three of the five students shot dead received posthumous degrees on Saturday. Families of the other two said they would accept degrees later. The 20-year-old Gayle Dubowski was among the first to receive a degree at commencement ceremonies, and hundreds of seniors stood to cheer as her name was read. NIU's president gave her mother, father and brother each a hug as they came on stage. The school did not plan separate events marking the killings, apparently wanting to make the day as joyous as possible for the more than 3,000 students receiving degrees.

Train derailment, acid leak forces La. evacuation

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP)—Six cars of a freight train derailed Saturday, causing a hydrochloric acid leak that forced thousands of people to leave homes, businesses and a nursing home within one mile of the wreck. The spilled acid sent a toxic cloud over the area, and at least five people, including two railroad workers, were taken to a hospital and treated after complaining of skin and eye irritation, said Lafayette Parish sheriff's Lt. Craig Stansbury. A nursing home with 161 residents was evacuated, said Dr. Jimmy Guidry the state health officer, said. About 35 of the residents deemed too frail to travel were taken to area hospitals, he said. Police walked door-to-door notifying residents of the mandatory evacuation in an area with an estimated population of 3,500 people. "We're advising them to take enough supplies for approximately 48 hours," Stansbury said.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OVERSTAYERS REPORT

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Notice is hereby given that according to the records maintained by the Commonwealth with respect to permits expiring or administrative actions taken during the first quarter of 2008, the following persons have overstayed the permission granted upon their entry to the Commonwealth. Persons in an overstayer status are required to depart the Commonwealth immediately.

Permissions granted upon entry may have been extended or the entry status may be changed under a number of different provisions of Commonwealth law, but all extensions and changes must be documented and the applicable fees paid. If the necessary applications and supporting documents have not been correctly completed or filed or recorded, a name may appear in overstayer status although upon completion or recording of the necessary documentation an extension will be granted.

If your name is on the list set out below and you have or should have a current permission or a current status allowing you to be in the Commonwealth, please report to Jeff Camacho, Chief, Labor Enforcement Unit, Department of Labor, second floor, Afetna Square Building, San Antonio before May 30, 2008 to correct the records.

NAME	NAME	NAME
Alcantara, Roy D. Jr.	Fu, Jianhua	Quiachon, Corazon
Antrajenda, Bernadita	Gopez, Daisy C.	Rahman, Latifur
Arigo, Arnold M.	Gu, Lianhua	Rao, Zhikun
Armia, Eduardo	Habulan, Susan	Recustodio, Eduardo
Atienza, Melquiades	Jiang, Minyu	Song, Yong Ming
Balbin, Ireneo	Jin, Fushi	Soriano, Roland E.
Baranda, Carmencita C.	Jin, Guangzhi	Su, Qian
Bastareche, Romelyn	Jin, Xiangshu	Tang, Xiaolan
Biswas, Pranash	Julianes, Shirley B.	Torres, Josephine Z.
Buenaflor, Anthony M.	Laborce, Philip	Villaluz, Florante
Buenaventura, Igloria D.	Li, Qun	Villamor, Edelyn
Chen, Hongquan	Li, Xiang Hua	Villamor, Geralyn
Chen, Li Feng	Lin, Songfeng	Wang, Yanping
Chen, Taihong	Lu, Chunfang	Weng, Meizhu
Cho, Hwaja	Luo, Yi Xin	Wu, Aihua
Cui, Jie	Madrideo, Harold	Yuan, Bilan
Daengruang, Kasam	Marquez, Imelda J.	Yuan, Ye
Dechavez, Florencia B.	Monir	Zhang, Min
Dela Cruz, Marlyn	Nicholas, Ariel O.	Zhang, Zheng Lin
Dizon, Leticia	Pacay, Eden Olile	Zhu, Peilan
Domingo, Benjamin	Parco, Rolando	
Ferrer, Inocencia D.	Quan, Shun Ai	

Asia

Thousands flee China quake area over flood fears

DONGHEKOU, China (AP)—Two rivers blocked by landslides threatened to flood towns shattered by China's massive earthquake, sending thousands of survivors fleeing Saturday in a region still staggering from the country's worst disaster in 30 years.

A mountain sheared off by the mighty tremor cut the Qingzhu river and swallowed the riverside village of Donghekou whole, entombing an unknown number of people inside a huge mound of brown earth.

Compounding the horror for survivors, a lake rising behind the wall of debris threatens to break its banks and send torrents cascading into villages downstream.

Pannicky residents streamed out of the entire county on the northern edge of the quake zone, spurred on by mobile phone text messages sent en masse by local government officials warning that the water level was rising and people downstream were being evacuated.

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BEICHUAN, China (AP)—A man has been found alive after being trapped for 139 hours in a collapsed hospital in Sichuan province, the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday.

Xinhua said that the man, Tang Xiong, was rescued from the collapsed hospital in Beichuan in the northern part of the province.

It said Tang "was only slightly bruised" when he was pulled to safety. The government says it expects the final death toll from Monday's massive earthquake to pass 50,000.

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In the town of Beichuan, 60 miles to the south, thousands fled as the reports circulated.

AP

In this photo released by China's Xinhua news agency, a Chinese soldier carries a girl to a safer location during an emergency evacuation due to the flooding risks in the quake-hit Beichuan County in southwest China's Sichuan Province, Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Rescue work resumed later in the day and experts were monitoring the river above Beichuan, the People's Daily newspaper said on its web site. The swift exodus underscored the jitters running through the disaster zone. A strong aftershock—the second in two days and measured by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 5.7—shook the area early Sunday for 45 seconds, causing people to run into the streets.

In all the devastation wrought by the quake, little looks as bleak as Donghekou.

The road to the village ends in a tangled twist of metal and tar. In the small valley below, the village itself has disappeared when the mountain collapsed. Locals said two other villages further upstream, Ciban and Kangle, had suffered the same fate. The three villages were home to about 300 families, locals said.

Eerie and still, the remaining landscape has few signs of human life—a soiled green floral scarf, a rubber pipe, a log.

"Oh God! I have lost everything," said Wen Xiaoying, 32, whose voice shook as she surveyed the valley below for the first time since returning from far-off Guangdong province where she worked.

Myanmar health system strained by cyclone

TWANTE, Myanmar (AP)—Saw Htin's cheeks were wet with tears after waiting in line with hundreds of sick, desperate cyclone survivors. The 18-year-old mother clutched her wheezing baby boy.

"He coughed and cried all night," she explained hysterically to a volunteer doctor. "Is he going to die?"

Myanmar's ragged health system has been stretched to the limit after the cyclone two weeks ago left up to 2.5 million people homeless, exposed to pounding rains and potential disease.

Until Saturday, the military regime had insisted it was capable of handling the crisis alone, but Thai and Indian doctors have now been given permission to help.

For some, like Saw Htin's little one, it may not matter. The local doctor said it didn't look good, most likely pneumonia brought on from living in what's left of their leaky thatch hut ripped apart by the cyclone.

The young mother said she was forced to choose between food or roofing, and now worries the antibiotics she received have come too late.

"Normally we scold patients if they don't change clothes for children when it's wet, but they don't have a choice," said the doctor, who declined to give her name, fearing government reprisal. "Even if they change, it's wet again."

As word spread that three local female doctors had set up a makeshift clinic at a Buddhist monastery, about 300 people emerged from tattered shacks for treatment over two hours.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Govt officials, private groups offer reward for bank robbers who killed 9

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Government officials and private groups have offered a 1 million peso (US$23,250; €15,000) reward for a group of robbers who killed nine people during a bank holdup, Philippine police said Saturday. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was "fuming" and "dismayed" and ordered an immediate, thorough investigation, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said. "It was definitely a work of the devil," Ermita told radio DZBB. In one of the country's bloodiest bank robberies, seven bank employees, a depositor and a security guard were shot in the head in ganglandstyle executions Friday, police said. One employee was hospitalized in critical condition. There has been speculation the victims may have been killed because they knew some of the robbers. They were found sprawled on the floor of a branch of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. in Cabuyao town, in Laguna province south of Manila, after suspicious customers alerted authorities when the bank failed to open as scheduled at 9 a.m.

Tropical storm batters RP, leaving 300 ferry passengers stranded at sea

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—About 300 passengers on a ferry stranded in rough seas for more than 24 hours were safely carried to land by small boats late Friday as a tropical storm battered the western Philippines, triggering flash floods, authorities said. Passengers on the MV Starlite Pacific spent Thursday night and most of the day Friday on the open sea south of Manila because the big waves prevented the ship from docking at the port of Roxas township in Oriental Mindoro province, the coast guard said. Food was brought to the passengers by another vessel and dropped by a coast guard helicopter Friday, coast guard spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Armand Balilo said. "The waves were too rough at the pier, so we were forced to return to the area where we dropped anchor," passenger Ariel Taton told Radio DZBB by cell phone. Jun Sinel, port manager of ferry owner Starlite Ferry Inc. in Roxas, told The Associated Press he directed the ship captain to sail close to the shore of nearby Bongabon town where the waters were calmer Friday.

Tibetan leader in exile: new talks soon with China

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—A new round of talks between the Dalai Lama's envoys and Chinese officials is expected to be held in mid-June, Tibet's prime minister in exile said Saturday. Prime Minister Samdhong Rinpoche told reporters in Stockholm he hopes China's leadership will "be serious about dialogue." The date and place for the discussions have yet to be decided, he said. Officials from the India-based Tibetan government-in-exile and China met earlier this month in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen. Rinpoche said the new round of talks should focus on China's "repressive measures" in Tibet and the release of Tibetan political prisoners. He said he worried about the risk of a new uprising, saying China's policies in the region were not helping improve stability.

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HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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It is the policy of the Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School Personnel System shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Public Law 6 - 10, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin. Applicants for this position must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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World

Bush says Saudi oil boost doesn't solve US problem

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP)—President Bush said Saudi Arabia's small increase in oil production will not solve soaring U.S. fuel prices, but he defended the wealthy kingdom Saturday against American lawmakers "screaming the loudest" for Riyadh to open its spigots.

Bush also encountered bitter Arab criticism that he favors Israel too heavily and was bluntly questioned by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak about whether he is serious about peacemaking. Bush said he was "absolutely committed" to reaching an Israeli-Palestinian agreement by the end of his presidency next January. But there was no sign during Bush's five-day Mideast trip that the two sides are moving closer toward an accord.

"It breaks my heart to see the vast potential of the Palestinian people really wasted," Bush said. Pledging the creation of an independent homeland, Bush said "It'll be an opportunity to end the suffering that takes place in the Palestinian territories."

With Israel's occupation of Arab lands captured in the 1967 Mideast war entering its fifth decade, most Palestinians live in dire poverty.

On the last stop of his travels, Bush held a rapid-fire series of diplomatic meetings at this posh Red Sea resort, famous for its brilliantly clear waters and sea-snorkling reefs. After talks with Mubarak, Bush saw Afghan President Hamid Karzai and had dinner with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. On Sunday, he will confer with the leaders of Pakistan, Jordan, Iraq. He said every meeting advances prospects for peace.

As oil prices hit another record high on Friday, Saudi King Abdullah rebuffed Bush's request for higher oil production to take the pressure off prices. The high prices are a political nightmare in a presidential election year for Bush and his would-be Republican successor, Sen. John McCain. Bush said he cautioned the king about the repercussions of skyrocketing prices.

"I said very plainly, I said, `You've got to be concerned about the effects of high oil prices on some of the biggest customers in the world. And not only that, of course, high energy prices (are) going to cause countries like mine to accelerate our move toward alternative energy."

Iraqi court rulings stop at US detention sites

BAGHDAD (AP)—In the eyes of Iraqi justice, Yahya Ali Humadi is a free man. To the U.S. military, he's another of the detainees in yellow jumpsuits held at the sprawling Camp Bucca in southern Iraq.

Humadi—ordered released nine months ago after an Iraqi judge dropped all charges—now spends his days in a legal limbo. It's one that has confronted and confounded thousands of other Iraqis since 2003 who have been freed by their nation's courts but remained in U.S. custody.

"I don't know why the U.S. army brought him to an Iraqi court, if they intend to keep him for an unlimited time," said Humadi's lawyer, Samiya al-Baghdadi.

The American military, however, sees no contradiction.

Commanders say the current international mandate in Iraq, as well as general codes of war, allow them to hold any prisoner until the detainee is no longer considered a threat to U.S. forces. Local law and court rulings do not apply, they add.

These dual realities—freedom granted by Iraqi courts but continued detention by the Americans—have been faced by about 3,000 Iraqis since 2003 and stand as a sharp contrast between U.S. policies on the battlefield and Washington's appeals for Iraqis to build credible civic institutions.

The differences could grow even more pronounced as Iraqi authorities move ahead with an amnesty program that was strongly supported by the White House as a step to reconcile Iraq's rival factions.

The amnesty rulings could offer an early exit for many of the 27,000 prisoners in Iraqi hands. They also could wipe the slate for hundreds of the roughly 22,000 detainees held by the U.S. military—which then must decide whether to abide by the decisions or ignore a formula that Washington applauded.

High-level Lebanese talks in Qatar

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Lebanon's ruling coalition demanded Saturday that talks to end the country's 18-month-old political crisis tackle the issue of Hezbollah's weapons, a demand the militant group rejected.

Hezbollah insisted the group's arsenal remain untouched, saying it was necessary for fighting Israel, Lebanese media reported on the first day of the negotiations in Qatar on forming a unity government and electing a president after the country's worst violence since the 1975-1990 civil war.

The two sides flew to Qatar's capital, Doha, following a deal mediated by the Arab League that brought an end to a week of violence. The deal included an agreement that the talks would lead to the election of compromise candidate Army chief Gen. Michel Suleiman as president.

President Bush said the country had reached a "defining moment."

The weapons demand was seen as an attempt by Prime Minister Fuad Saniora's side to guarantee that Hezbollah won't take to the streets again as it did when it overran Sunni Muslim West Beirut in clashes left 67 people dead and wounded more than 200.

"This is a defining moment," Bush said after a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Egypt. "It is a moment that requires us to stand strongly with the Saniora government and to support the Saniora government."

Cuban government backs calls to combat homophobia

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba's gay community celebrated unprecedented openness—and high-ranking political alliances—with a government-backed campaign against homophobia on Saturday.

The meeting at a convention center in Havana's Vedado district may have been the largest gathering of openly gay activists ever on the communist-run island. President Raul Castro's daughter Mariela, who has promoted the rights of sexual minorities, presided.

"This is a very important moment for us, the men and women of Cuba, because for the first time we can gather in this way and speak profoundly and with scientific basis about these topics," said Castro, director of Cuba's Center for Sexual Education.

Mariela Castro joined government leaders and hundreds of activists at the one-day conference for the International Day Against Homophobia that featured shows, lectures, panel discussions and book presentations. A station also offered blood-tests for sexually transmitted diseases.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

NOTICE OF Community Forum

YOUR COMMENTS ARE MOST WELCOME:

VR FY — 2009
State Plan Goals

Goal 1. Deliver quality and timely services to applicants and consumers.

Goal 2. Serve as an advocate for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 3. Continue to work closely with the Workforce Investment Board to maintain and improve the best features of our workforce development system and to initiate efforts to integrate services for consumers.

Goal 4. Facilitate and ensure the seamless transition of students with disabilities to employment or continued education.

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TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMUNITY

Please be advised that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) will be conducting statewide public forums on its **State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services for FY 2009.**

The Northern Marianas community is invited and encouraged to participate in the public forums as this is an opportunity to comment on our proposed state plans. Let us know how best the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation can and should serve people with disabilities residing in Saipan, Tinian and Rota. What are some of the barriers that currently prevent persons with disabilities from getting or keeping their jobs? More importantly, what are some of the solutions to those barriers? **Overall, how can OVR and our local communities work together to increase employment and promote independence among eligible individuals with disabilities?**

Your input into our proposed State Plan is much appreciated!

Community Forum on VR State Plan FY 2009

SAIPAN	TINIAN	ROTA
WHEN: May 19, 2008 (Monday)	**WHEN:** May 21, 2008 (Wednesday)	**WHEN:** May 23, 2008 (Friday)
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Center	**WHERE:** Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria	**WHERE:** Tamara and Seven Brothers Building
TIME: 5:00-6:30pm	**TIME:** 5:00-6:30pm	**TIME:** 5:00-6:30pm

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: If you require reasonable accommodation (e.g., large print, sign language interpreter) to participate in the Public Hearing, please contact OVR (Magin Iginoef) at least 3 days before the scheduled hearing. Copies of the plans can be accessed at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Navy Hill, Building N2.

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Health & Fitness

Exercise may protect girls from future breast cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Get your daughters off the couch: New research shows exercise during the teen years—starting as young as age 12—can help protect girls from breast cancer when they're grown. Middle-aged women have long been advised to get active to lower their risk of breast cancer after menopause.

What's new: That starting so young pays off, too.

"This really points to the benefit of sustained physical activity from adolescence through the adult years, to get the maximum benefit," said Dr. Graham Colditz of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, the study's lead author.

Researchers tracked nearly 65,000 nurses ages 24 to 42 who enrolled in a major health study. They answered detailed questionnaires about their physical activity dating back to age 12. Within six years of enrolling, 550 were diagnosed with breast cancer before menopause. A quarter of all breast cancer is diagnosed at these younger ages, when it's typically more aggressive.

Women who were physically active as teens and young adults were 23 percent less likely to develop premenopausal breast cancer than women who grew up sedentary, researchers report Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The biggest impact was regular exercise from ages 12 to 22.

"This is not the extreme athlete," Colditz cautioned.

The women at lowest risk reported doing 3 hours and 15 minutes of running or other vigorous activity a week—or, for the less athletic, 13 hours a week of walking. Typically, the teens reported more strenuous exercise while during adulthood, walking was most common.

Why would it help? A big point of exercise in middle age and beyond is to keep off the pounds. After menopause, fat tissue is a chief source of estrogen.

In youth, however, the theory is that physical activity itself lowers estrogen levels. Studies of teen athletes show that very intense exercise can delay onset of menstrual cycles and cause irregular periods.

The moderate exercise reported in this study was nowhere near enough for those big changes. But it probably was enough to cause slight yet still helpful hormone changes, said Dr. Alpa Patel, a cancer prevention specialist at the American Cancer Society, who praised the new research.

And while the study examined only premenopausal breast cancer, "it's certainly likely and possible" that the protection from youthful exercise will last long enough to affect more common postmenopausal breast cancer, too, Colditz added.

If you were a bookworm as a teen, it's not too late, Patel said. Other research on the middle-age benefits of exercise shows mom should join her daughters for that bike ride or game of tennis or at least a daily walk around the block.

Many breast cancer risks a woman can't change: How early she starts menstruating, how late menopause hits, family history of the disease.

Even though the exercise benefit is modest, physical activity and body weight are risk factors that women can control, Patel stressed.

"I'd say you and your daughter are getting off the couch," she said. "Women who engage in physical activity not only during adolescence but during adulthood lower their risk."

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BOARD OF PAROLE CNMI

PUBLIC NOTICE

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Timothy P. Villagomez, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992". Notice is hereby given that a **Parole Hearing** is scheduled for **May 21, 2008 (Wednesday) beginning at 8:30 a.m., and, if need be, to continue on May 22, 2008 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Vicente Taman Seman Building, Department of Corrections, Briefing/Training Room,** Susupe, Saipan. The following items are included in the agenda:

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of Parole & Revocation Hearing Minutes – March 13, 2008

III. Parole Application	BOP No.	Criminal Case No.
1. Francisco C. Calvo	08-005	07-007OD
2. Jesse Raymond C. Taitano	08-006	06-248D
3. Corazon R. Atalig	08-007	06-00981E
4. Jose O. Rabauliman	08-008	98-0083

IV. Re-Application	BOP No.	Criminal Case No.
1. Joaquin S. Peredo	08-RA-004	04-181C

VI. Adjournment

If you have any question, please call the Parole Office at telephone number 664-3300 or 3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
Chairman, Board of Parole

May 14, 2008
Date

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CDA

PUBLIC NOTICE
MAY 17, 2008 (Amended)

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS ACTING CHAIRMAN HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, WAKIN'S BUILDING, CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
1. Roll Call
2. Swearing in of Mr. Jesse B. Manglona
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes- March 27, 2008

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
III. **REPORTS**
1. Financial Report – CDA

IV. **DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES**
1. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
   a. Status of Pending Items
2. DBD/Public Finance Committee
   a. Status of the DBD Funds
3. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget Committee
   a. Administration's Report
   b. Fiscal Year 2009 Budget
   c. Fiscal Year 2008 – Budget Reprogramming
4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities Committee

V. **OLD BUSINESS**
VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. IEDC – Building Cutting-Edge, Public-Private Partnerships

VII. **OTHER MATTERS**
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/PEDRO I. ITIBUS
Acting Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

Teen use of pot can lead to dependency, mental illness

By JENNIFER C. KERR
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Depression, teens and marijuana are a dangerous mix that can lead to dependency, mental illness or suicidal thoughts, according to a White House report being released Friday.

A teen who has been depressed at some point in the past year is more than twice as likely to have used marijuana as teens who have not reported being depressed - 25 percent compared with 12 percent, said the report by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

"Marijuana is a more consequential substance of abuse than our culture has treated it in the last 20 years," said John Walters, director of the office. "This is not just youthful experimentation that they'll get over as we used to think in the past."

Smoking marijuana can lead to more serious problems, Walters said in an interview.

For example, using marijuana increases the risk of developing mental disorders by 40 percent, the report said. And teens who smoke pot at least once a month over a yearlong period are three times more likely to have suicidal thoughts than nonusers, it said.

The report also cited research that showed that teens who smoke marijuana when feeling depressed were more than twice as likely as their peers to abuse or become addicted to pot - 8 percent compared with 3 percent.

Experts who have worked with children say there's nothing harmless about marijuana.

"I've seen many, many kids' lives negatively impacted and taken off track because of marijuana," said Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar, director of adolescent services for Phoenix House treatment centers in California. "It's somewhat Russian roulette. There are so many factors, emotional, psychological, biological. You can't predict the experimentation and how it will impact a kid."

Bruce Mirken, communications director for the Marijuana Policy Project, an organization that advocates the decriminalization of marijuana, called the study "an absolutely dishonest report, deliberately confusing correlation with causation."

"This very week the British government's official scientific advisers on illegal drugs issued a report saying they are 'unconvinced that there is a causal relationship between the use of cannabis and any affective disorder,' such as depression, he said.

The drug control policy office analyzed about a dozen studies looking at marijuana use, including research by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Overall, marijuana use among teens has decreased 25 percent since 2001, down to about 2.3 million kids who used pot at least once a month, the drug control office said.

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AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Installation of New Member – Oath of Office
D. Adoption of Agenda
E. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting:
1. April 24, 2008 2. May 06, 2008

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
III. **REPORTS**
A. Report of the Chairman
1. ROC No. 08-007
B. Report of the Administrator / Correspondence
1. ROA No. 08-007
C. Report of the Comptroller
1. Financials
a) NMIRF b) GHLITF c) WCC
D. Reports of the Committees
1. Finance & Investment Committee
2. Operations & Personnel Committee
3. Policies, Programs & Legislative Review Committee
4. GH&L and WCC Committee
E. Reports of the Investment Director
1. Status of Investment/Market Condition
2. Report of Housing Loan Program
F. Communications
G. Other Matters

IV. **LEGAL MATTERS**
A. Reports of the Legal Counsels
1. Report of the Board Counsel
a) Lawsuit b) Excepted Service Regulations
c) Bylaws – Conflict of Interest
2. Report of the In-house Counsel
a) Update on Administrative Appeals
3. Report of the Hearing Officer

V. **OLD BUSINESS**
1. BR 08-001 Matters
a) Pension Application Matters b) P.L. 15-98 c) Disability Applicants
2. DC Plan Update Report
3. Rota and Tinian office space
4. RFP 08-046 – Wrap Fee
5. Certified Physicians
6. Hearing Officer's Contract

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. Drawdown Request
a) April 23, 2008
2. Adoption and Certification of WCC Proposed Amendments (CR 30-08, 04/25/08)

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
VIII. **MISCELLANEOUS**
A. Announcements B. Next Meeting C. Adjournment

/s/ JUAN T. GUERRERO
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Life & Style

Allen talks of Spain and threesomes at Cannes

CANNES, France (AP)—Woody Allen's latest film touches on that classic male fantasy, a romantic threesome with two women. Has Allen ever entertained the notion himself?

"You know, it's hard enough to get one person," Allen told reporters Saturday at the Cannes Film Festival, hours before the premier of his romantic comedy "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," starring Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem.

"In trying to figure out solutions in life, two actually tends to make it more complicated than one. The characters in this movie are able, the chemistry was right, and they're able to handle the situation," Allen said. "But in real life, most of us petty people could never handle anything like that. It's hard enough to get a relationship that can work out with one person, but with two, it becomes geometrically more fatal."

Due in U.S. theaters Aug. 29, "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" stars Johansson, who has appeared in three of Allen's last four films, and Rebecca Hall as American friends spending a summer in Spain.

Both women have separate relationships with a passionate painter (Bardem), whose volatile ex-wife (Cruz) later forges a three-way romance with him and Johansson's character.

It was the fourth film in a row shot in Europe by Allen, whose beloved Manhattan has been the backdrop for most of his movies. Allen is nearly finished shooting his next film, which has him back in New York for a comedy starring Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood and Patricia Clarkson, who also appears in "Vicky Cristina Barcelona."

"It's about a group of also highly neurotic characters that interact in ways that I'm hoping you'll think is funny," Allen said. "When it's over you may or may not. If you don't then I will have failed, but I'm giving it my best shot."

Allen, 72, did three movies in London, "Match Point," "Scoop" and "Cassandra's Dream," then was approached about shooting in Spain.

From left, British actress Rebecca Hall, American director Woody Allen and Spanish actress Penelope Cruz pose at the photo call for the film "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" during the 61st International film festival in Cannes, southern France, Saturday, May 17, 2008. AP

Mike Tyson tells all in film at Cannes

CANNES, France (AP)—Mike Tyson considers it a miracle that he lived to tell his tale. And he's telling it—in graphic detail—in a new documentary at the Cannes Film Festival.

"I lived a wild and extreme life," the former heavyweight champion told reporters Saturday. "I used drugs. I had altercations with dangerous people. I slept with guys' wives that wanted to kill me. I'm just happy to be here, you know. It's just a miracle."

The 41-year-old former boxer got a prolonged ovation at the Cannes screening for "Tyson," directed by his old friend James Toback ("Fingers").

In the movie, which blends old video footage and TV interviews, Tyson talks about getting beaten up and stolen from when he was an overweight kid. He chokes up when reminiscing about his late trainer, Cus D'Amato, who transformed the troubled teenager into a world-class champion.

Tyson spares no details in describing his sex life, and covers his career's low points, like biting Evander Holyfield's ear in 1997. He admits to many, many bad decisions.

But on one issue, he still refuses to take responsibility. He insists he is innocent of the 1991 rape of an 18-year-old beauty queen for which he served three years in prison.

AP

Former American boxer Mike Tyson and American director James Toback pose at the photo call for the film "Tyson" during the 61st International film festival in Cannes, southern France, Saturday, May 17, 2008.

McEntire says she has more fun hosting ACM Awards

LAS VEGAS (AP)—After wrapping up a successful concert tour, you'd think Reba McEntire would want to take some time off to relax. Instead, the tireless country star is preparing for her 10th turn as host of the Academy of Country Music Awards this weekend. Over the years, she says she's gained more ease hosting the event.

"I've got a lot more confidence," McEntire told AP Television at rehearsals Friday. "I know a lot more of these folks that I get to work with, and we're a wonderful team. And it's, I don't want to say, 'old hat,' 'cause I still get a little nervous and butterflies still happen when I get on that stage. But I think I have more fun with it now than I did the first time."

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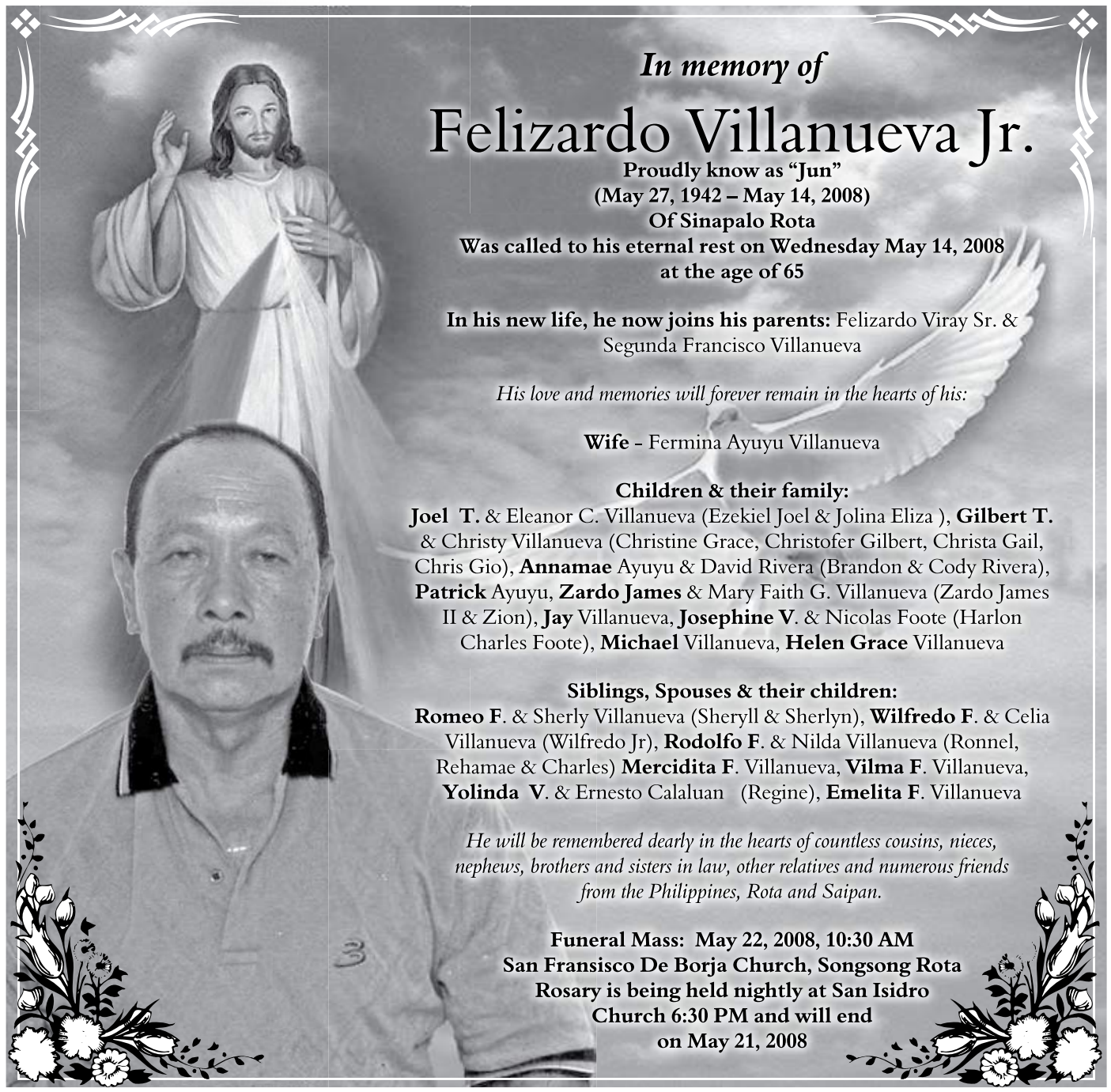
Reba McEntire acknowledges the crowd during taping of "CMT Giants" honoring Reba McEntire, in this file photo from Oct. 26, 2006, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

At last year's show, McEntire sang "Because of You" with "American Idol" winner Kelly Clarkson. The song was the lead single from McEntire's country- and pop-chart topping "Duets" album. The two then headlined a series of live concerts together earlier this year.

It was such a hit they decided to perform 24 more shows in the fall.

"When Kelly and I got through with the tour in the spring, it was, like, when we had to go out by ourselves, it was very boring, because I love to sing with her on her songs. She says she loves to sing with me on my songs, and we stay out on the stage the whole time. We never leave."

As much as she loves Clarkson, McEntire says she hasn't been paying attention to the latest "American Idol," which ends with next Wednesday's showdown between the so-called "Two Davids": Archuleta and Cook.



Wife's rocky marriage is harder to take each day

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: Is 33 too young for a man to have a midlife crisis? I honestly believe that is what's happening to my husband. We have been married almost 13 years and have three children. Suddenly he wants out. Don't get me wrong, although our marriage has been rocky, I truly believed that we loved each other.

He says he has been unhappy for years, and I'm the only one who didn't see it. He now has a girlfriend and talks about having his body pierced, etc. I spend each day praying he'll return to his senses and come back.

Does the hurt ever go away? One day I'm happy-go-lucky, and the next I spend crying. Am I crazy? Is it possible to love and hate someone all at once? I need a dose of wisdom from someone besides my family and friends. Please help me. I'm trying to hold it together for the children, but it gets harder with each passing day.

IN TURMOIL IN TENNESSEE

DEAR IN TURMOIL: You and your husband married young. If a midlife crisis can be defined as panic that life has passed a person by and doing something irrational, then that may be what has happened to your husband.

However, from where I sit, it appears that your husband has taken up with a wild-and-free woman, which has caused temporary amnesia. He has "forgotten" to be a responsible father of three and a husband. This is less a mental breakdown than a moral failure.

Considering the way you have been blindsided, I'd say your mood swings are normal. This may seem like small consolation, but with time, your hurt and anger will subside to the point that they are not all-consuming.

Right now, you need the support of friends and family. You also need to begin thinking seriously about how to create a life for yourself should Mr. Pincushion make his absence permanent. If he does eventually come to his senses, it will make you more attractive. If he doesn't, it will make you stronger, more self-reliant, and help to distract you from the pain you're experiencing. You have my sympathy, but please believe me when I tell you that, painful as this may be, it does not have to be the end of the world.

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DEAR ABBY: My stepsister, who I have to share my room with when she stays with us, snooped in my drawers when I wasn't there and found my birth control pills. Now she's blackmailing me. She says she will tell my mother if I don't give her money.

Mother would go crazy if she found out I was using the pill. I know she wouldn't let me see my boyfriend anymore, and I couldn't handle that. I never thought I would feel like killing somebody, but that's the way I feel right now. Please tell me what to do. I don't want to give in to blackmail.

VICTIMIZED IN WYOMING

DEAR VICTIMIZED: Murder isn't an option, and neither is giving in to blackmail. If you give a blackmailer money, the demands will only escalate—which leaves you with one other choice: Tell your mother before she does.

While the pill may protect you against pregnancy, it does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases. And because you are now sexually active, you need to be seen by a gynecologist to be sure you don't have one.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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McCain makes age jokes on 'Saturday Night Live'

WASHINGTON (AP)—John McCain is 71 years old, and his age has provided late-night comics with some easy punch lines. On "Saturday Night Live," he joined in.

"I ask you, what should we be looking for in our next president?" McCain said. "Certainly, someone who is very, very, very old."

The certain Republican presidential nominee appeared in a phony campaign ad in which he promised to put an end to runaway government spending, claiming he had never sought money for his home state, Arizona.

"Controlling government spending isn't just about Republicans or Democrats," he said. "It's about being able to look your children in the eye. Or in my case, my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren, the youngest of whom are nearing retirement."

"I have the courage, the wisdom, the experience and, most importantly, the oldness necessary," McCain said. "The oldness it takes to protect America, to honor her, love her and tell her about what cute things the cat did."

Later, during the program's "Weekend Update" segment, McCain urged Democrats not to rush to choose between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.

When McCain hosted "SNL" in 2002, he performed a medley of Barbra Streisand songs. In an interview earlier Saturday, Glamour magazine asked if he would be singing again.

"I think once is enough," McCain responded.

AP

Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greets supporters after speaking at the National Rifle Association of America annual meeting Friday, May 16, 2008, in Louisville, Ky.

Simpson-Wentz have 'Alice in Wonderland' wedding

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ashlee Simpson got her fairy tale wedding to Pete Wentz on Saturday complete with an "Alice in Wonderland" themed reception at her parents' Los Angeles area home, according to People magazine.

Simpson, 23, and Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz, 28, exchanged vows in front of 150 people at her parent's home in Encino, a bedroom community in the San Fernando Valley. Joe Simpson, her father, performed the non-denomination ceremony and sister Jessica was the maid of honor, the magazine said.

The bride wore a wedding dress by Monique Lhuillier and a diamond necklace and earrings by Neil Lane, the magazine said. The reception featured a wedding cake piled high with a top hat, tea pot, stop watch and a pot of flowers on top, People said.

A flurry of arrangements on Saturday afternoon just outside the guarded gates of the Simpson's property indicated that the pop singer's wedding to Wentz was imminent.

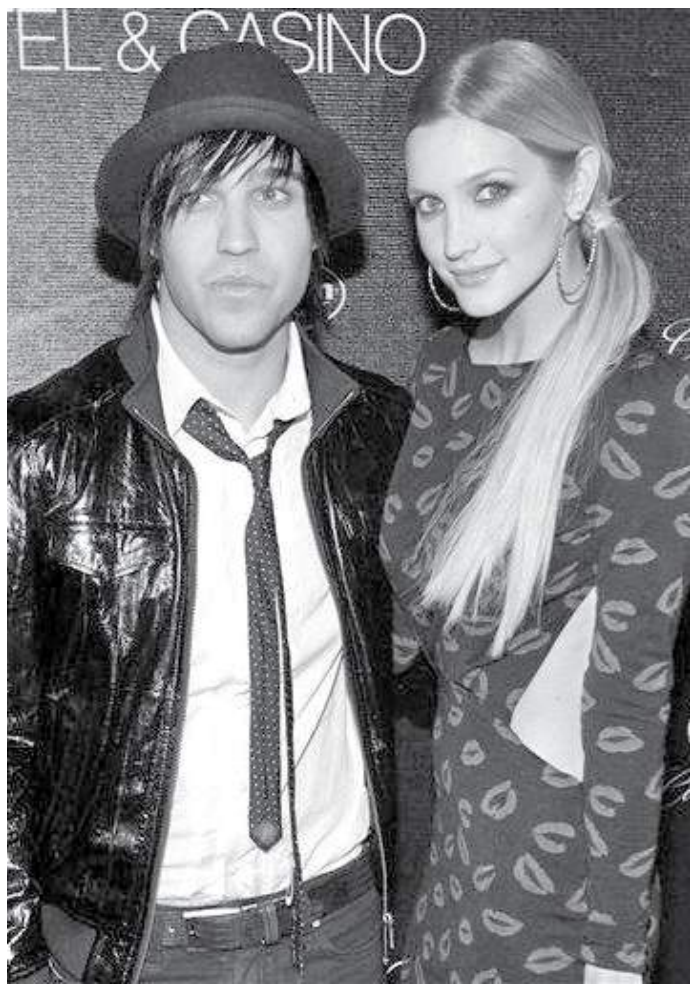
White shuttle vans with deeply tinted windows were streaming through the gates, as were several delivery vehicles, including some marked as belonging to celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck.

Drivers of a few expensive cars who arrived at the guard tower were told to park elsewhere and take a shuttle. One was a well-dressed woman who arrived in an Audi packed with red boxes.

And of course, the paparazzi had been gathering before 3 p.m., lingering outside the property. Aerial photos posted online Friday on several celebrity Web sites purportedly showed an outcropping of large white party tents.

Simpson and Wentz began dating in fall 2006 and announced their engagement April 9. Rumors that Simpson is pregnant soon followed, but the couple has denied that they are expecting a child.

Simpson, a singer, songwriter and actress, is the younger sister of pop star Jessica Simpson. Ashlee Simpson's latest album, "Bittersweet World," was released last month. It peaked at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 in its first week, and tracks have logged more than 19 million plays on her MySpace page.



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In this Sept. 8, 2007 file photo, Ashlee Simpson and her boyfriend Pete Wentz, of the band Fall Out Boy, arrive together at the Rolling Stone 40th anniversary party in Las Vegas.

Ex-voice of 'Peanuts' character becomes candidate

MINDEN, Nev. (AP)—A man who once was the voice of Schroeder in some "Peanuts" television specials is running for a seat on the Douglas County School Board.

Greg Felton, also a former director of international trade for Hewlett-Packard Co., filed by Friday's deadline to challenge incumbent Cindy Trigg.

Felton currently has three children in each of the three schools in the Lake Tahoe portion of the school district.

"I believe that, if possible, our board should be made up of people with a stake in the game," he told Gardnerville's Record-Courier.

In the 1970s, Felton was the voice of Schroeder in at least three feature-length animated cartoons based on characters in Charles M. Schulz's long-running comic strip "Peanuts": "Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown," "Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown" and "It's Arbor Day, Charlie Brown."

The character Lucy van Pelt always vied for the attention of Schroeder, who was known for his love of classical music and his skill at playing the toy piano.

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1 Howl at the moon
4 Wheat bundle
9 Winter-time ailment
12 Raw rock
13 Greeting
14 Rowboat propeller
15 Wiscon-sin city
17 Sister
18 "What Kind of Fool —?"
19 Disagree-ing
21 Become commu-nicative
24 Transmit
25 — good deed
26 Got a glimpse of
28 Don't just toss away
31 Piece of work
33 Grumpy compan-ion
35 Bed-frame part
36 Right-hand page
38 Small barrel
40 Altar constella-tion
41 Stow cargo
43 Impish one
45 Clark Kent's news-paper
47 Moose's cousin
48 Ring around the collar?
49 Wiscon-sin city
54 Listener
55 Prophets
56 Past
57 Gorilla
58 Islamic God
59 Church seating

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2 "We — not amused"
3 "Certainly"
4 Detective, slangily
5 Chopper's landing site
6 Right angle
7 Pseudo-nym
8 "Old Folks at Home" composer
9 Wiscon-sin city
10 Praise highly
11 Coffee shop vessels
16 Darker than beige
20 Individu-als
21 Smell
22 Vatican VIP
23 Wiscon-sin city
27 Stir-fry pan
29 Poet Teasdale
30 And others (Lat.)
32 Ollie's partner
34 Brains
37 Black Sea port
39 Over-shoe
42 Lucy's pal
44 Firma-ment
45 Entreaty
46 Bound
50 Moray, e.g.
51 Space
52 Time of your life?
53 Present

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 5-19

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Happy Birthday: Be passionate about whatever you take on this year. Admiration will be yours for your ability to take matters in your own hands and adjust whatever needs to be fixed. It may not be easy to tell others what you want or how you feel but now is the time to do so. Once you take care of unfinished business, opportunities will unfold. Your numbers are 5, 11, 19, 22, 37, 48

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Stop spending on little items you don't really need. Set your budget so you can save for something worthwhile. Be aggressive in your actions and you will prosper quickly with the changes you incorporate. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't run from what needs to be dealt with. Instead, proceed with truth and concern. Once you clear your mind of the little things bothering you, it will be easier to take charge of your life and make decisions based on what's best for you. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Be careful how you deal with colleagues, authority figures or any institution you are counting on for assistance. If you allow your emotions to take over, you may fall short of your goals or ruin your chance for a better position. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): The chance to do something nice for someone else will lift your spirits and enable you to see the possibilities that exist in other parts of your life. Love is in the stars but avoid getting involved with anyone who is attached to someone else. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't count on something before it happens. You may be fooled into thinking that someone is on the same page as you. Take one step at a time and spell out what is required to reach your goals. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Put some time aside for love, travel and adventure. The more you do to nurture a relationship or to learn something that will benefit your personal position, the more secure and stable your life will be. Emotions will be running high. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take a chance if it will lead you in a more creative or entertaining direction. Approach someone who can help you see your true potential and harness it. Talk will lead to an opportunity that can change your life. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Know where reality ends and fiction begins. Anger and upset will lead to breakups. Be careful not to offend or give away your secrets. Tread carefully and avoid any sort of emotional encounter. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Question the motives of others and make sure that you explain yourself well so that you aren't misinterpreted. Money is in the picture but hanging on to it may be difficult. Don't feel obligated to pay for others. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Someone will aggressively seek your advice, help or services. Be prepared to negotiate a fair deal. Set goals that can help you acquire some of the monetary things you want. Love is apparent but don't let it cost you. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Truth will be what's important. If you avoid an emotional situation, you can expect matters to become increasingly worse. Better to face the music and get on with making amends. Strive for perfection and you will get assistance. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): The more unique you are, the more you will prosper today. A delicate situation can be taken care of and put behind you, enabling you to move in a direction you have longed to achieve. ✪✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 5/19

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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CASCADING WATERS **Solution: 6 letters**

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Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays. A non-refundable payment of Seventy Five dollars ($75.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidders are advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and the labor standard provisions for wage rate determination of the Commonwealth. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of $3.55 per hour which took effect on July 25, 2007 as established by U.S. law. Bidders are further advised to participate the increase of $.50 per hour that is scheduled to take effect on May 26, 2008.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, May 22, 2008**, at the Northern Marianas Japan Cultural Center in Garapan, Saipan next to the Garapan Central Park, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **NMHC ITB-08-010**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, May 29, 2008**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 29, 2008 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than May 29, 2008 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than June 9, 2008. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, June 10, 2008. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time, May 29, 2008.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Landscaping of the NM Japan Cultural Center". Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable le to the Attorney General.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is forty-five (45) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
NMHC Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Power Generation

INVITATION FOR BIDS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION CUC-IFB 08-004 - INSTALLATION OF RADIATORS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting sealed bids for the INSTALLATION OF RADIATORS at the Power Plant 1, Lower Base in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Sealed bids shall be identified on outside of the envelope by Invitation for Bids No. "CUC-IFB 08-004, INSTALLATION OF RADIATORS at the Power Plant 1". Bids in six sets (including original) will be accepted at the Procurement and Supply Office, CUC, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan until **2:00 P.M., on, May 30, 2008**, at which time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents can be picked up from the office of CUC Procurement and Supply upon payment of a non-refundable fee of $150.00 until **4pm, May 23, 2008**. Only the bidders who have paid the fee will be allowed to submit a bid proposal. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the procurement regulations of the CUC.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. No advance payment will be authorized on the project.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a COPY of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project will be funded through a grant from the US Department of Interior (DOI). The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

The project consists, in general the installation of the CUC supplied radiators at the power plant for engine units no. 5 and 6 at Power plant 1. The radiators are manufactured by CBM Technologies Pty. Ltd. and are expected to be available at the power plant facility by July.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 A.M., on May 15, 2008**, at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan, immediately followed by plant visit.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.

All inquiries should be directed to Mr. Manny Sablan, Procurement and Supply Manager and Mr. Venugopal, Flower Generation Engineer email at msablan@cucgov.net / venu@cucgov.net or through / or through Fax - (670) 235-5131

ANTHONY C. GUERRERO
Executive Director

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

Request for Proposal RFP 08-015

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the **Purchase, Delivery, and Installation of Playground Equipment for various Head Start Centers located in both Rota and Saipan**. Detailed information on the Scope of Work is available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "RFP 08-015" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and shall be submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than May 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Responsibility determination documents shall be placed in a separate envelope marked "RFP 08-015, CONFIDENTIAL - Responsibility Determination", containing one (1) original and one (1) copy). Any proposal after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Technical questions shall be in writing and addressed to Mr. Carl Dela Cruz, Acting Procurement & Supply Officer, via fax # (670) 664-3791. Alternatively, questions may be e-mailed to the following address: **delacruzc@pss.cnmi.mp**.

Contractors are required to submit with their proposal, a copy of their valid CNMI Business License.

The Public School System reserves the right to award single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System.

All proposals shall become the property of the Public School System.

/S/ Dr. David M. Borja, D.B.A.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Carl F. Dela Cruz
Acting P & S Office

Big Brown wins Preakness; poised for Triple Crown

BALTIMORE (AP)—Not once but twice, jockey Kent Desormeaux sneaked a peek to see if anyone was gaining on Big Brown. "I looked between my legs, under my arms, and they were eight (lengths) behind me," Desormeaux said. "I stopped pushing. I said, `That's enough.'"

His big bay colt ran away with the Preakness on Saturday and now is pointed squarely down the path toward the Triple Crown.

The 3-year-old with the perfect record heads for the Belmont Stakes in three weeks as the fourth horse this decade to try for the triple, a sweep last accomplished by Affirmed in 1978. The last to try was Smarty Jones in 2004.

"Wow is all I can say," Steve Cauthen, who rode Affirmed, said by telephone from Kentucky. "He looks pretty special. It was like a cakewalk for him. The important thing to me is he keeps passing all the tests."

Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr., who called his shot at both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, sounded nearly as confident after Big Brown came back full of run after putting away the field of 11 with ease.

"I know we have horse left. There is no question," Dutrow said.

"He's just shown up every step, every way," he added. "I just can't imagine him not showing up for the Belmont."

As he did two weeks ago in a Kentucky Derby marred by the breakdown of Eight Belles, the colt named for UPS delivered another stunning win, this time by 5 1/4 lengths. Macho Again was second and Icabad Crane was third.

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Kent Desormeaux rides Big Brown across the finish line to win 133rd Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course, Saturday, May 17, 2008, in Baltimore.

"We just got beat by a monster," said Julien Leparoux, who was aboard Macho Again.

Big Brown slipped a bit while breaking from the middle of an undistinguished pack and Desormeaux took him off the pace in front of 112,222 fans.

"He's so strong, he powered out with his back legs and they just slipped and he was standing out in the same spot," Desormeaux said. "It actually was his second push that let him out of the gate."

Big Brown was fourth the first time past the grandstand behind pacesetter Gayego. He moved up to third on the first turn, where he stayed all the way down the backstretch.

"My whole job in that first half-mile was to keep his face clean," Desormeaux said. "There's not a grain of sand on most of his body."

The decisive moment came just before the final turn, when Desormeaux angled Big Brown out three-wide for clear running room. As he hit the top of the stretch, Desormeaux simply crossed the reins to let Big Brown know it was time to take off.

He didn't even need the whip, which he initially left behind in the jockeys' room. He could have saved himself the trip back to get it. His horse covered 1 3-16 miles in 1:54.80.

"This is the best horse I've ever ridden," Desormeaux said.

That's saying something.

In 1998, the jockey rode Real Quiet to wins in the Derby and Preakness only to be denied Triple Crown immortality when Victory Gallop stuck his nose in front at the wire in the Belmont. The final jewel is also the longest of the three races, a grueling 1 1/2 miles that proved the undoing of War Emblem in 2002, Funny Cide in 2003 and Smarty Jones the next year.

"We should have the horse to get the job done," Dutrow said.

Big Brown went off as a shorter priced favorite than Secretariat in 1973, who went on to win the Triple Crown, capped by a stunning 31-length victory in the Belmont.

"It looks like Big Brown might win the Belmont farther than Secretariat," said Paddy Gallagher, who trained 10th-place finisher Yankee Bravo.

Penny Chenery, Secretariat's owner, said she plans to be on hand for the history making try on June 7.

"I don't know whether Secretariat can stay with him or not," she said. "I won't speculate how that would come out, because we haven't seen him at that long a distance. But you have that big sweeping race track. I think he's going to do just fine."

Big Brown tied for the fourth-lowest payoff in Preakness history with Native Dancer in 1953. Sent off at 1-5 odds, he paid $2.40, $2.60 and $2.40. Macho Again returned $17.20 and $10.40, while Icabad Crane paid $5.60.

Racecar Rhapsody was fourth, followed by Stevil, Kentucky Bear, Hey Byrn, Giant Moon, Tres Borrachos, Yankee Bravo, Gayego and Riley Tucker.

In the Derby, Big Brown started on the far outside of 19 horses and used an explosive finishing kick to win by 4 3/4 lengths, the tightest margin in his 5-0 career. He's won those races by a combined 39 lengths.

The muscular colt joined Majestic Prince (1969), Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew (1977) and Smarty Jones (2004) as undefeated Derby and Preakness winners.

The victory put the sport's focus back on racing after two weeks of frenzied debate about safety and breeding following Eight Belles' catastrophic breakdown. His dominating performance came in front of a crowd that surely breathed easier after all 12 runners returned safely. On the same track just two years ago, Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro broke down early in the race.

The Preakness win also means Big Brown's connections—Dutrow, Desormeaux and principal owners Michael Iavarone and Richard Schiavo who once worked on Wall Street—are headed back to their New York base with a horse that could make history.

It was an especially meaningful trip to the winner's circle, since Dutrow had accompanied his late father, respected trainer Richard Sr., on past Preakness days before the two fell out over the younger Dutrow's drug use and blown chances. In the past, his training license was revoked for personal drug use and he was suspended for doping horses.

The Preakness was also a homecoming for Desormeaux, the Cajun jockey who launched his career in Maryland in 1987. Cheering him on were his wife, Sonia, and two sons, including 9-year-old Jacob. The boy was born with Usher syndrome, a genetic disorder that stole his hearing at birth and is slowly robbing him of his sight.

In the winner's circle, Jacob said to his mother, "I wish Daddy would buy Big Brown. Mom, can we buy Big Brown?"

Big Brown earned $600,000 for the win and boosted his earnings to $2,714,500 for Iavarone and Schiavo, co-owners of IEAH Stables, and Paul Pompa Jr. Pompa named Big Brown in honor of UPS, a major client of his Brooklyn trucking business.

The festive mood at Pimlico after the race was in sharp contrast to the scene at Churchill Downs two weeks ago. Eight Belles, the filly who took on 19 colts and finished second, broke both front ankles while galloping out and had to be euthanized on the track, the first time that has happened in the Derby.

It was the second time a horse had broken down in the past five Triple Crown races. Barbaro shattered his right rear leg shortly after the start of the 2006 Preakness. Many in the grandstand cried that day at the sight of the Derby winner taken away in an ambulance. Barbaro was euthanized eight months later because of laminitis, an often fatal hoof disease.

There was no sadness Saturday, only giddy anticipation that racing might see a Triple Crown winner at long last.

Howell shoots 67 for 1-shot lead

DULUTH, Ga. (AP)—Holding a 54-hole lead isn't exactly the best way for Charles Howell III to win on the PGA Tour. Howell already has two career victories, but he's 0-for-3 following a third-round lead. The last time he led the field entering the last round was the 2007 Sony Open, a memory Howell wants to block out.

"Yes, there's your answer," he said, laughing. "Finished second to (Paul) Goydos."

Howell shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Kenny Perry into the final round of the AT&T Classic.

An Augusta native seeking his first victory since the 2007 Nissan Open, Howell had a 13-under 203 total at TPC Sugarloaf.

Perry shot a 69. David Toms (69), Ryan Palmer (70) and second-round leader Jonathan Byrd (73) were two strokes back at 11 under.

With storms expected Sunday afternoon, the players will tee off in threesomes, starting on both the first and 10th holes. Howell, Perry and Toms will open play at 10:15 a.m. on No. 1.

"It will be different," Howell said. "It's not the normal twosomes later in the day. From what I understand, it's going to be quite windy. This golf course is really tough in the wind. There's a lot of risk-reward out here. A lot of it."

Ryuji Imada, second to Zach Johnson in a playoff last year, shot a 66 to tie Heath Slocum (69) or sixth and move within three shots of the lead.

On the four par 5s, Howell leads the field at 10 under with birdies Saturday at Nos. 6 and 10. He eagled the sixth hole Thursday.

Avoiding temptation to go for corner pins was important to Howell, who describes the Greg Norman-designed Sugarloaf as a good fit, mostly because it doesn't demand so many drivers off the tee.

"There is some strategy and thought off the tees as well as into the greens," Howell said. "That's why I think it's so important to get the ball in play off the tee. There are slopes in these greens, and you can use them to help you go to the flags, but you've got to have the ball in play."

Perry seems fully recovered from an 81 in the final round last week at The Players Championship. He was just one shot off the lead after 54 rounds at TPC Sawgrass before windy conditions and faulty irons wrecked his weekend.

Now that he will play in the final group again, Perry believes he's ready to make up for his disappointment at the Players. An eagle at the par 5 No. 4 Saturday refueled his confidence after his 3-wood landed within 20 feet and he made the putt.

"I had the mind-set that I was going to shoot a low round," Perry said. "That was just kind of in my head today. I felt very comfortable out there. I wasn't nervous. My swing felt great."

Imada and Justin Bolli (68) are both former University of Georgia standouts seeking their first tour victory. Bolli is in eighth place, four shots back.

Omar Uresti, one of four players tied for ninth and five strokes off the lead, had a tournament-best 65. Brett Quigley (68), Steve Elkington (68), Craig Kanada (69) and Camilo Villegas (71) also were 8 under.

Byrd led the field by three shots after two rounds, but he dropped three strokes to 9 under with three bogeys through his first eight holes.

Imada, who will play in the next-to-last threesome with Byrd and Palmer, envisions a frantic shootout with the field set up similarly to a typical first or second round.

"Hopefully nobody's going to run away the last four or five holes," Imada said. "If I'm within three or four shots of the lead, I know I've got a chance. And I'd say there's about 15 guys who have a chance to win if that's the case. So I just want to go out there and make a lot of birdies."

Howell, who's coming off a missed cut at the Players, plans to block out any memories of his last three 54-hole leads. As long as stays in the fairway, Howell likes his chances.

"The one thing I've worked extremely hard on over the past year is driving the ball," Howell said. "Simply because that starts the hole. It puts you in position to play the golf course. Not taking anything away from the importance of the short game, but you've got to drive the ball first."

Ludwick's 2nd homer lifts Cardinals past Rays

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Ryan Ludwick hit his second home run of the game off Dan Wheeler in the 10th inning, allowing the St. Louis Cardinals to recover after squandering a four-run cushion in a 9-8 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

Albert Pujols also homered and had two RBIs a day after his 42-game streak of reaching base ended, helping the Cardinals win for only the third time in 11 games. The AL East-leading Rays lost for just the second time in 10 games.

Ludwick hit the first pitch from Wheeler (0-3) with one out in the 10th an estimated 402 feet over the wall in left-center for the second winning homer of his career. He has four career two-homer games, including two this season.

Mets 7, Yankees 4

At New York, Johan Santana (5-2) pitched into the eighth inning and the New York Mets got home runs from Jose Reyes and David Wright to top the Yankees in the opener of a rain-shortened Subway Series.

Billy Wagner got four outs for his ninth save in nine chances—one day after manager Willie Randolph held a closed-door meeting in response to remarks by the closer that some perceived as critical of his teammates.

Red Sox 5, Brewers 3, 1st game
Red Sox 7, Brewers 6, 2nd game

At Boston, Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer and doubled in a pair of runs, and Boston survived a battle of bumbling infielders to complete a sweep of a day-night doubleheader.

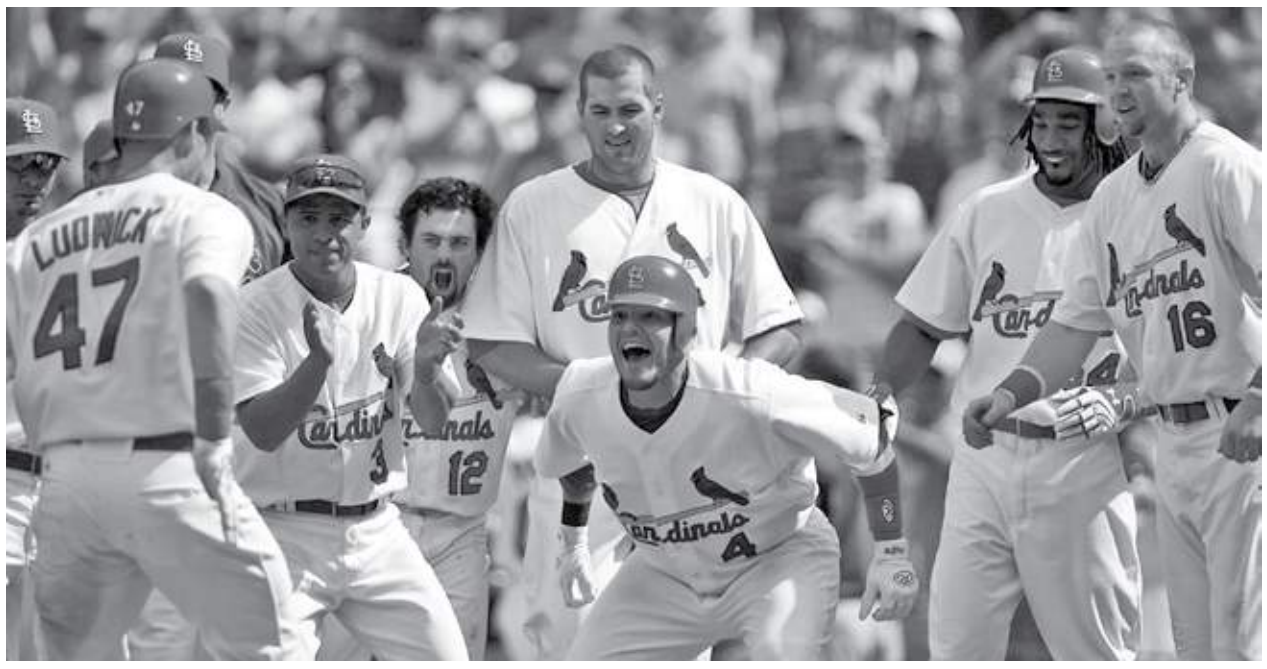
The teams' infielders combined for seven errors in the nightcap—four by the Brewers. Reliever Craig Hansen (1-2) got the win, and Salomon Torres (3-1) took the loss.

In the opener, Daisuke Matsuzaka (7-0) gave up seven hits over 6 2-3 innings and tied the Angels' Joe Saunders for the American League lead in wins.

Reds 4, Indians 2

At Cincinnati, Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Masa Kobayashi, rallying Cincinnati past Cleveland and to its season-high fifth straight victory.

Dunn's third homer in three games helped the Reds survive another shutdown pitching performance by Cleveland's Fausto Carmona, who turned a 2-1 lead over to a bullpen in transition.



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Cardinals' catcher Yadier Molina, center, leads the team in congratulating Ryan Ludwick as he crosses home plate scoring the game-winning home run in the 10th inning of a Saturday May 17, 2008 game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Dodgers 6, Angels 3

At Anaheim, California, Blake DeWitt hit a two-run homer in the second inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers handed the Angels' Ervin Santana his first loss of the season.

Park Chan-ho made his first start for the Dodgers in almost seven years, limiting the Angels to two runs—one earned—over four innings. The 34-year-old right-hander gave up three hits, walked two, hit Vladimir Guerrero with a pitch and struck out three. He left with the Dodgers up 4-2.

Athletics 5, Braves 4

At Atlanta, Jack Cust hit a solo home run and Ryan Sweeney added a three-run shot, and Oakland held on to end a season-worst four game losing streak.

Rich Harden (2-0) pitched seven strong innings in ending Atlanta's eight-game home winning streak. The right-hander allowed four hits, one earned run, walked one and struck out eight.

Marlins 7, Royals 3

At Miami, Wes Helms hit a three-run, pinch-hit homer and Mike Jacobs added a two-run shot in the seventh inning to help Florida snap a season-high four-game losing streak.

The Marlins also denied Kansas City its first six-game winning streak since 2003.

Blue Jays 6, Phillies 3

At Philadelphia, Rod Barajas hit grand slam and a solo shot and A.J. Burnett pitched impressively into the seventh inning to lead Toronto to a win over Philadelphia.

Burnett (4-4) allowed two runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings, striking out eight. Scott Downs escaped a jam in the seventh and B.J. Ryan pitched a scoreless ninth for his eighth save.

Rangers 6, Astros 2

At Arlington, Texas, Milton Bradley and Marlon Byrd hit two-run homers off Roy Oswalt (4-4) and Texas clinched their seventh consecutive series by beating Houston.

The last time the Rangers won seven series in a row was 1999, the season they won their last AL West title. They have won 15 of 21 games in this span, getting back to .500 three weeks after having the worst record in the major leagues.

Orioles 6, Nationals 5

At Baltimore, Nick Markakis homered and drove in three runs and Brian Burres (4-4) allowed two runs in 6 2-3 innings as Baltimore won its fourth straight victory.

Ryan Zimmerman hit a home run and Aaron Boone had two RBIs for Washington, which has dropped three of five games.

Tigers 3, Diamondbacks 2

At Phoenix, Carlos Guillen hit a two-run single and Matt Joyce homered to help Detroit snap a five-game losing streak.

Armando Galarraga (3-1) allowed two runs and one hit in six-plus innings, and Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

Rockies 3, Twins 2

At Denver, Ryan Spilborghs hit a tie-breaking single in the eighth inning and Colorado overcame Colorado's Livan Hernandez's strong outing to end a six-game losing.

Hernandez (6-2) retired the first 15 batters he faced before Jeff Baker hit a double to left leading off the sixth inning. Hernandez allowed eight hits and three runs in 7 1-3 innings, and drove in a run with a bunt.

Mariners 4, Padres 2

At Seattle, Adrian Beltre snapped a monthlong slump with a tiebreaking, two-run homer off San Diego reliever Cla Meredith in the seventh inning to help Erik Bedard win.

Meredith had allowed just one earned run in his previous 10 appearances, but Beltre, who entered the night hitting just .164 in May, lined a 2-2 pitch into the left-field seats, giving Seattle the lead for good.

White Sox 3, Giants 1

At San Francisco, Mark Buerhle won a matchup of struggling starters with Barry Zito, pitching into the seventh inning to lead the Chicago White Sox over San Francisco.

Zito (0-8) worked five innings and gave up only two runs in becoming the first Giants pitcher to open a season with eight losses since Jesse Burkett in 1890. Zito allowed eight hits and a season-high six walks and struck out four.

Buerhle (2-5) ended a five-game losing streak by allowing one run on seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. He walked three and struck out one.

Behind the scenes of Wade's offseason workout regimen

CHICAGO (AP)—For nearly an hour Friday morning, Dwyane Wade was in constant motion, shooting jumper after jumper. His red tank top was dripping with sweat, his chest was heaving and fatigue was clearly starting to set in.

Finally, he was down to his last shot, a 20-footer from the right side. When it swished, he whooped and shimmied.

"I feel like it's my rookie year all over again," Wade said.

In some respects, the All-Star guard who carried the Miami Heat to the 2006 NBA title might be right in that assessment.

Wade is essentially starting over this summer, eager to put two injury-filled seasons behind him. He believes the solution is spending three hours a day, five days a week, putting his body to the limit at a gymnasium in a hardscrabble Chicago neighborhood, a place where he can focus on basketball and nothing else.

There are no fans. No cell phones, no distractions.

And most importantly—for the first time in more than a year, no pain in Wade's surgically repaired left knee, either.

"No pain when I wake up in the morning, no pain when I go home at night," Wade said. "I know I'm on the right track. Been a long time to get there."

Indeed, it has been a long process, and it's just getting started, too.

He desperately wants to play for the United States in the Beijing Olympics; that team will be selected in about six weeks after a late-June training camp in Las Vegas. And he wants his game razor-sharp for the next NBA season, when the Heat will try to erase memories of a horrid year Wade found both incredibly frustrating and disappointing.

Wade granted The Associated Press access to his workout Friday, a rare look at how he's working toward those goals.

"I want people to know that I'm working and working hard," Wade told The AP after the session was over. "This is what I do. This is what I love to do. I don't want anyone questioning my work ethics."

No one seeing these sessions would.

Playing with fellow Chicago-area native Quentin Richardson of the New York Knicks, and under the eye of noted trainer Tim Grover—Michael Jordan's personal trainer and the owner of the facility where Wade now works out—Wade began with a series of shooting drills.

After 14 minutes, sweat began saturating his shirt. After 20 minutes, Wade was bent over at the waist, breathing deeply.

But he never stopped, sans for a four-minute break between shooting and the start of weight training.

"He's made a tremendous amount of progress," said Grover, who began working with Wade again just two weeks ago. "He's so focused to get himself ready for these games and also for the season. This is not something that he's doing short-term just to get himself ready for the Olympics."

More than an hour was spent in the weight room, where Wade and Richardson focused mostly on their legs—Tuesdays and Thursdays are upper-body days. One exercise, on a machine called a runner, was so grueling that both players found themselves straining to survive a mere 60-second interval.

After Wade's second stint on the runner—a machine that trains the lower body by using speed and resistance—he shouted in pain.

"It is as medieval as you can imagine," Grover said, smiling.

It's also what Wade needs right now.

Wade's season ended March 10, when Pat Riley announced that it simply didn't make sense to have his franchise player continue trying to fight through physical issues—especially because it'd been clear for weeks that the Heat weren't going to be part of the postseason.

He missed Miami's final 21 games, a stretch where the Heat went 4-17 and wound up matching the worst overall record (15-67) in franchise history.

But the injuries have been a problem for two years. When the Heat won the title, Wade was the most dominant player in the postseason, shredding whatever defense Dallas threw his way as he seemed to almost single-handedly rally Miami from an 0-2 deficit in that series.

He was at his best then. He hasn't really been right since.

A dislocated shoulder, chronic tendinitis in his knee, followed by surgeries to repair both (the one-year anniversary of those procedures was Thursday) ... it's all added up to Wade spending as much time, if not more, in the training room than he's actually been on the floor.

"I think the severity of what he had done was a lot more than what everybody anticipated," Grover said.

So he's starting over.

While the facility where the workouts take place is top-notch, replete with state-of-the-art equipment and plenty of courts, the neighborhood isn't glitzy. A couple blocks away from the gym, a homeless man is washing a car parked curbside. There's more than a couple vacant factories and storefronts nearby.

It's decidedly blue-collar, which suits Wade just fine.

"I needed to come back to the place where my focus begins, so I came back home," said Wade, whose hometown of Robbins is about a half-hour drive away from Grover's facility. "I'm more focused on what I need to do ... on all the work I have to do."

And on Monday morning, that work will begin again.

"Barring anything unexpected, I cannot see him not being 100 percent by the time training camp opens up for the Olympics," Grover said.

Wade is even more optimistic.

"Oh, I'll be ready," he said.

Memorial Day softball meeting tomorrow

Organizers of the Memorial Day Softball Tournament will hold a meeting tomorrow at 6:30pm at the pavilion inside the Susupe Sports Complex beside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Eliseo "Chel" Castro is organizing the tournament along with Mel Sakisat, Tony Camacho, Mario Sablan, and Derron Flores.

Castro said they would discuss the tournament rules and hand out the forms to be completed by teams who want to participate in the fundraising event.

Castro will also hold a final meeting on Thursday, May 22, also at 6:30pm at the Ada Gym pavilion where he would require teams to submit the waiver forms and the $150 entrance fee.

The softball tournament is a fundraising event that will be held on Memorial Day weekend to help the Saipan teams that will be competing in a Guam baseball tournament in July.

The fundraising tournament will be held from May 23 to 26 at the Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Softball Field. The tournament will follow a double elimination round format.

The fundraising is in preparation for the 2nd Annual Saipan-Guam Baseball tournament to be during Guam's Liberation Day weekend from July 19 to 20.

The CNMI will be fielding in teams in the three divisions, namely: tee ball for 5-8 year olds, Babe Ruth in the 9-10 age group the 11-12 Major League division.

For more information, call Sablan or Flores at the Division of Sports and Recreation at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium at 664-2503, or Sakisat at 322-7635 or Camacho at 256-1733. ***(Jon Perez)***

Cardona lifts TNT Pals past Realtors in PBA

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, Philippines—Mac Vardona unloaded an assortment of unorthodox shots to send the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals past the Sta. Lucia Realtors, 90-80, Saturday night in the Smart-PBA Fiesta Conference at the Xavier University Gym in Cagayan de Oro City.

Unstoppable from all angles, Cardona sizzled for 31 points capped by his trademark teardrop basket as the Phone Pals took the lead for good at 83-80 and derailed a rally by the Realtors from 22 points down.

Then Aaron McGhee, who blew hot and cold in the first half, hit five free throws and Jimmy Alapag added two more charities to secure the seventh win in 10 outings that lifted the Phone Pals to second behind Red Bull's 7-2 card.

The Realtors fell in the company of the idle Air21 Express and Magnolia Beverage Masters at 5-4.

Cardona gave Talk 'N Text that 22-point lead at 66-44 before the Realtors rallied behind Dennis Daa, Dennis Miranda and Joseph Yeo.

Daa's short jumper and two freethrows by Yeo moved the Realtors within 64-69 at the start of the fourth quarter and the game was touch-and-go until Cardona sparked his team's explosive finish.

Meanwhile, Red Bull stakes its five-game victory run when the Barako collide with the Alaska Aces even as the Welcoat Dragons aim for a franchise-best four wins in a conference today at the Araneta Coliseum.

With their recent triumph over the Dragons, the Barako go into their 4:30 p.m. duel with the Aces the natural favorites.

Even Alaska coach Tim Cone, whose Aces succumbed in overtime to the rampaging Barako last month, is impressed by Red Bull's strength.

"Red Bull is playing great basketball. Guys like Parada (Adam), Baguio (Cyrus) are turning out to be the top players in the conference," said Cone following Alaska's 99-91 win over the Coca-Cola Tigers Wednesday night.

"They are really tough. But we feel we can beat them," said Cone.

The Dragons, who could only collect a maximum of three victories in each of the past two conferences, will have a chance to improve on that dubious mark when they tackle the slumping Barangay Ginebra Kings at 7:20 p.m.

With a 3-6 record like the Aces, the Dragons are capable of bringing down another heavyweight in crowd-favorite Ginebra, which has lost all but one of its eight games so far.

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Borja and Ken Borja placed third with 61.78 lbs.

Moen, meanwhile, earned the biggest fish category after catching a 24.10-lb blackjack. Moen shot the fish while teammate Scott McClarin helped him bring it on the boat.

Brian Fitzgerald led the other individual winners after catching a 4.24-lb parrotfish while Tinian's Mike Lizama caught a trivally that weighed in at 4.66lbs.

Cliff Sabo brought in a 3.14 rudderfish, while 2006 Micronesian Games gold medalist Felix Sasamoto caught a 1.5-lb black snapper. Ton Roberts had the heaviest sweetlips caught at 4.44 lbs while also collecting a 1.08-lb goatfish.

Nick Gross, who is a bemedalled track athlete, caught a 5.14-lb goatfish while Dan Repeki brought in a 2.64-lb grouper. Frank Pangelinan won the emperor fish category with a 3.26-lb catch.

All four major islands of the Marianas chain were well represented with divers from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam joining the tournament organized by the Marianas Apnea Spearfishing Club and set in the waters around Saipan.

Winners won cash and in-kind prizes such as spearguns, T-shirts, wet suits, gift certificates, and other giveaways.

The 2nd Annual Spearfishing Tournament's sponsors included MARPAC, Palms Resort & Spa, Sen. Luis Crisostomo, Rep. Ralph Torres, Saipan Fishing Tackle, The Torres Brothers, Saipan Fishermen Association, Marianas Visitors Authority, O.M.E.R., Cressi-sub, Pacifica Insurance, and Sen. Maria T. Pangelinan.

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and the wild card team with the right to represent Saipan in the Palau finals at stake.

Sakisat also had a double, a triple, and an RBI while Ayuyu had two doubles. Ton Camacho went 3-for-4 with one run, a triple, and an RBI while Roy Celis went 2-for-4 with one run.

Julian Camacho and Ben Tagabuel combined for 4-for-6 with three runs. Tagabuel also had an RBI while J.J. Laniyo went 2-for-2 scoring one run to go with his two-RBI double.

Sakisat also pitched a complete game with all runs earned on 10 hits with a strikeout and two walks. He just forced Sai-Pal to hit grounders, line drives, and fly outs that was fielded cleanly by the Shell Marianas defense.

Shell Marianas also scored consecutive elimination round wins against Shell Made To Move, 15-3; Zamack Hao, 15-5; Jets, 13-3; and Sai-Pal, 6-5, having the luxury of waiting for their finals opponent.

Sai-Pal blanked Total Chaos, 12-0, edged Piligru 11-8, but lost to Shell Marianas, 6-5, dropping them in the losers' bracket. They then scored an 8-2 win over Total Chaos to earn the right of facing Shell Marianas in the finals.

In other game results, Piligru pulled off a 7-4 win over Sufa, while the Jets downed Coral Reef Red Snapper, 7-3. Total Chaos nipped Shell Made To Move, 5-4, with Zamack Hao coasting to a 19-2 decision against Coral Reef Red Snapper.

Total Chaos earned their second win with a 23-5 crushing of Sufa then squeezed out a 12-11 victory against the Jets. Piligru tripped Zamack Hao, 6-2.

The second round of the Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds will be held on July 19 and 20 and the third and final round will be on Sept. 20 and 21. Winners of the three rounds will automatically qualify for the Saipan leg championship round in October.

The second and third place teams in each round will play in a single-elimination format in the consolation draw with the fourth and final spot in the championship round at stake. Teams need to play in two out of the three rounds in order to qualify for the wild card playoff.

The winner of the October championship round will automatically qualify for the finals in Koror, Palau, where they would get an all-expense paid trip to represent Saipan in the Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds finals in November.

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side sniping and ran away with a game-high 37 points.

He scored 22 points bridging the second and third quarters to help the Warriors break a 28-all first quarter tie and establish a 78-59 lead entering the final canto.

Delos Reyes, who is one of the reliable free throw shooting big men in the now defunct UFO Basketball League, also went 9-for-10 at the charity line.

Elmer Pineda supported Delos Reyes' game-long brilliance scattering 26 points. He scored 10 of those 26 in the first quarter to help the Warriors prevent the Bankers to pull away.

Jessie Nicdao and Danny Bicera added 13 and 12 points also for the Warriors.

Sonny Ebuen and Alex Ocampo netted 20 markers each for the Bankers while Lillo Tiples chipped in 15 more.

SMF Seabridge 104, MIGS 94

James Villacrusis drilled in 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to help SMF Seabridge secure a 104-94 win over hapless and still winless MIGS.

Kevin Bernardo paced SMF with 29 points, while Leo Itaas ended up with 19 markers. Ruther Demigillo had a quiet 10.

The loss spoiled another brilliant performance by Raymond Cadagat, who led MIGS' losing cause with 24 points, while Delos Reyes, who played for the Warriors in the first game, and Jun Tabora finished with 23 each.

First Game

Taga Warriors 101 – Delos Reyes 37, Pineda 26, Nicdao 13, Bicera 12, Dizon 8, Abedes 5.

Bank of Saipan 82 – Ebuen 20, Ocampo 20, Tiples 15, Villegas 8, Delos Santos 6, Lopez 4, Marasigan 4, Darag 3, Dacula 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-28, 55-42, 79-58, 101-82.

Referees: Jess Pabula and Dado Vistal.

Second Game

SMF Seabridge – Bernardo 29, Villacrusis 23, Itaas 19, Demigillo 10, Mortos 8, Capalad 7, Lerio 4, Galvez 2, Manansala 2.

MIGS – Cadagat 24, Delos Reyes 23, Tabora 23, Dugos 8, Doronilla 6, Tagle 6, Cabaddu 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-26, 59-48, 73-69, 104-94.

Referees: Noel Delos Santos and Gilbert Espino.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	25	18	.581	–
Boston	26	19	.578	–
Baltimore	23	19	.548	1 1/2
Toronto	22	23	.489	4
New York	20	23	.465	5

Central Division

Chicago	22	20	.524	–
Cleveland	22	21	.512	1/2
Minnesota	21	21	.500	1
Kansas City	20	22	.476	2
Detroit	17	26	.395	5 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	25	20	.556	–
Oakland	24	20	.545	1/2
Texas	22	22	.500	2 1/2
Seattle	17	27	.386	7 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Florida	24	18	.571	–
Philadelphia	24	20	.545	1
New York	21	19	.525	2
Atlanta	21	21	.500	3
Washington	18	26	.409	7

Central Division

Chicago	26	17	.605	–
St. Louis	25	20	.556	2
Houston	24	20	.545	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	21	22	.488	5
Cincinnati	20	23	.465	6
Milwaukee	20	23	.465	6

West Division

Arizona	27	16	.628	–
Los Angeles	22	20	.524	4 1/2
San Francisco	17	27	.386	10 1/2
Colorado	16	27	.372	11
San Diego	16	28	.364	11 1/2

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, N.Y. Yankees 4
St. Louis 9, Tampa Bay 8, 10 innings
Boston 5, Milwaukee, 1st game
Boston 7, Milwaukee, 2nd game
Cincinnati 4, Cleveland 2
L.A. Dodgers 6, L.A. Angels 3
Texas 6, Houston 2
Toronto 6, Philadelphia 3
Baltimore 6, Washington 5
Oakland 5, Atlanta 4
Florida 7, Kansas City 3
Colorado 3, Minnesota 2
Detroit 3, Arizona 2
Chicago White Sox 3, San Francisco 1
Seattle 4, San Diego 2

AT&T CLASSIC SCORES

DULUTH, Georgia (AP)–Scores from Saturday's third round in the $5.5 million (£3.55 million) AT&T Classic being played on the 7,311-yard, par-72 TPC Sugarloaf course:

THIRD ROUND

Charles Howell III	67-69-67	203
Kenny Perry	66-69-69	204
David Toms	67-69-69	205
Ryan Palmer	66-69-70	205
Jonathan Byrd	66-66-73	205
Ryuji Imada	71-69-66	206
Heath Slocum	69-68-69	206
Justin Bolli	73-66-68	207
Omar Uresti	74-69-65	208
Brett Quigley	70-70-68	208
Steve Elkington	71-69-68	208
Craig Kanada	68-71-69	208
Camilo Villegas	68-69-71	208
James Driscoll	71-72-66	209
Bubba Watson	75-66-68	209
Matt Kuchar	71-69-69	209
Parker McLachlin	66-70-73	209
Dan Forsman	72-70-68	210
Nick O'Hern	69-72-69	210
Bob Heintz	68-72-70	210
D.J. Trahan	70-70-70	210
Gavin Coles	70-70-70	210
Stewart Cink	68-71-71	210
Zach Johnson	69-70-71	210
Jim McGovern	74-70-67	211
Rich Beem	70-73-68	211
Bob Tway	72-70-69	211
Briny Baird	72-69-70	211
Tom Byrum	72-69-70	211
Chris Kirk	69-71-71	211
John Mallinger	68-72-71	211
Ted Purdy	67-73-71	211
Brian Gay	71-68-72	211
John Huston	70-74-68	212
Retief Goosen	73-68-71	212
Brandt Jobe	73-67-72	212
Chez Reavie	72-72-69	213
Bob May	68-76-69	213
Dustin Johnson	70-73-70	213
Tom Scherrer	69-74-70	213
Bill Haas	69-74-70	213
Kevin Sutherland	70-72-71	213
Stephen Leaney	70-72-71	213
Troy Matteson	71-70-72	213
Guy Boros	68-73-72	213
Corey Pavin	72-69-72	213
Gabriel Hjertstedt	70-71-72	213
John Rollins	73-67-73	213
Nick Flanagan	72-72-70	214
Jonathan Kaye	66-78-70	214
Robert Damron	71-73-70	214
Larry Mize	71-73-70	214
Joe Ogilvie	73-70-71	214
Michael Allen	71-71-72	214
Steve Flesch	68-73-73	214
Jay Williamson	72-67-75	214
Bob Sowards	67-71-76	214
Len Mattiace	75-69-71	215
Andrew Buckle	74-70-71	215
Esteban Toledo	71-72-72	215
Brian Davis	69-71-75	215
Ian Leggatt	72-72-72	216
Jeff Gove	69-75-72	216
Kenneth Ferrie	76-68-72	216
Marc Turnesa	74-68-74	216
Eric Axley	72-69-75	216
Lee Janzen	70-74-73	217
Chris Riley	70-72-75	217
Todd Demsey	72-72-74	218
David Lutterus	75-69-74	218
Dean Wilson	73-71-74	218
John Morse	71-71-76	218
Shane Bertsch	71-72-76	219
Kyle Thompson	76-68-78	222
Kevin Streelman	71-72-79	222
Reid Edstrom	72-71-84	227

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LOCAL SCORES

FMI Standings

Open division

Ol'Aces	6	1
Advance X-Terminators	6	1
GEC Pawnshop	4	2
Shirley's Coffee Shop	4	2
TASI Tours	4	3
Price Costco	3	3
SMF-Seabridge	2	4
Starwater	0	6
MIGS	0	7

Masters division

Taga Warriors	5	1
GEC Pawnshop	4	2
Bank of Saipan	3	3
Tan Holdings CTSI	3	3
Fixers	0	6

Sports This Past Week

Softball and athletics take center stage

JON PEREZ

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School coaches Rose Taimanao and Tawny Barcinas pose with their players after receiving the runner up trophy in Friday's finals of the Public School System Elementary Fast-pitch Softball League at the Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Field.

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The San Vicente Elementary School Canaries pose with the runner up trophy after finishing second to Dandan in Friday's finals of the Public School System Elementary Fast-pitch Softball League at the Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Field.

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Champions in softball and athletics were crowned the past week as the 2008 Public School System's fast-pitch softball and basketball leagues as well as the 4th Annual McDonald's All-Schools Track and Field Championship ended their respective seasons.

The elementary schools of Dandan and Koblerville won the boys' and girls' softball titles after beating separate opponents in Friday's PSS softball league finals at the Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Field.

The Dandan Tottot squeezed out a thrilling 2-1 win over the San Vicente Canaries in the boys' division, while the Koblerville Umangs coasted to a 15-5 triumph over the Gregorio T. Camacho Binadu in the girls' class.

Tottot second baseman L.J. Hemley, who singled and advanced to second on a fielder's choice, and moved to third on an error, made the game-winning play in the bottom of the seventh stealing home to end the game.

In the Koblerville-GTC match, Angela Achime and Zoralyn Magofna hit back-to-back homers for the Lady Umangs to lead Koblerville to a 15-5 win over the Lady Binadu.

The William S. Reyes Kingfishers, meanwhile, celebrated their athletes' recent victories in boys' basketball and the All-Schools Championship.

WSR's boys' basketball team won the elementary school title after beating Koblerville in the finals while their 8-and-under team won the division crown in the track and field championship with their girls' 10-and-under squad settling for second place behind champion Kagman.

Seven mixed martial arts athletes emerged victorious in the Art of War II All Islands Grappling/Submission Tournament with five of the winners coming from the Trench Tech Purebred Saipan Gym.

Trench Tech won the gold medals in the bantamweight, featherweight, super lightweight, lightweight, and welterweight divisions courtesy of Shane "Pika Boo" Alvarez, Chris Layug, James Fleming, Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan, and Ken "Kamakazi" Tanzawa.

Choke Chain's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo ended Trench Tech's string of wins when he won the middleweight division while Marianas Elite's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial remained one of the island's top heavyweight fighters.

Lydia Tan continued her reign in the women's Class A of the Loyola Tennis Tournament sweeping her games against Melanie Daly and Yuri Hatamata.

In the class B, Sakiko Eda defeated Vicki Izuka, Mayling Colombo, and Karen Sato to claim her first title. She placed third in both tournaments last year.

Perennial contenders Eli Torgeson and Maimi Shimizu added the "Run For Ron" 5-kilometer fundraising race to their long list of racing victories.

JON PEREZ

Some of the members of the Koblerville Elementary School boys' team receive their third place trophy in Friday's award ceremony of the Public School System Elementary Fast-pitch Softball League at the Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Field.

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Players of Kagman Kagman Elementary School pose with the medals they won in last week's All-Schools track and field championship along with their teachers.

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Northern Marianas Bartenders Association president and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands basketball league coordinator Lito Espino, left, presents a plaque of appreciation to HANMI president Lynn Knight.

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Matthew Mancao, left, receives his prize from Ronald Villafria during last week's Run For Ron 5-K Fundraising Fun Run at Micro Beach Pavilion inside the American Memorial Park.

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Tamio Nishido, left, shows the prize he won for placing third in last week's Run For Ron 5-K Fundraising Fun Run at Micro Beach Pavilion inside the American Memorial Park.

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Big Brown wins Preakness; poised for Triple Crown

Not once but twice, jockey Kent Desormeaux sneaked a peek to see if anyone was gaining on Big Brown. "I looked between my legs, under my arms, and they were eight (lengths) behind me," Desormeaux said. 24

General leads spearfishing winners

JON PEREZ

Participants of the 2nd Annual Spearfishing Tournament pose for photographers after a full day of competition on Saturday at the Smiling Cove Marina.

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Guam's Mike General became the 2nd Annual Spearfishing Tournament big winner while Scott Moen of Rota won the biggest fish category during Saturday's competition in the waters around Saipan.

Forty divers joined the one-day tournament where they caught a variety of fish including the parrot, trivally, rudder, black snapper, sweetlips, unicorn or tataga, grouper, emperor, and goat in different sizes.

General topped the individual total weight category in a close contest with runner-up Jess Hapdai of Saipan. General's total weight of all the fish he caught tipped the scales at 47.40 lbs against the 47 of Hapdei. Scott Russell came in third with 45.22 lbs.

In the team competition, Russel teamed up with Peter Houk to claim the title with a total catch of 72.92lbs.

General earned second place honors together with teammate Miles Driscol after they collected 62.70 lbs. Guam's James

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JON PEREZ

Guam's Mike General shows off his trophies after winning the individual total weight category then teaming up with Miles Driscol to place second in the team competition in the 2nd Annual Spearfishing Tournament on Saturday at the Smiling Cove Marina.

Shell Marianas sweeps way to crown

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Shell Marianas won the Saipan leg of the 2008 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds, sweeping past their opponents in the weekend tournament held at the Capital Hill Field near the Governor's Office.

Shell Marianas, composed mostly of the former No Ka Oi team, capped their title sweep with a 10-4 win over Team Sai-Pal in yesterday's finals.

Veterans Mel Sakisat and Jerry Ayuyu combined for 4-for-8 with two runs, to lead Shell Marianas' five-game sweep of the tournament. The win earned them an automatic slot in October's championship round where they would face the winners of the second and third rounds

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JON PEREZ

MARPAC representative Mel Tenorio, left, joins Team Shell Marianas for a group photo after yesterday's first round of the Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds at the Capital Hill Field.

Warriors trounce fading Bankers

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After a 3-0 start, Bank of Saipan is slowly fading into the sunset.

The Taga Warriors secured another win in the masters division of the 2008 FMI Inter-Color Basketball League trouncing the slumping Bankers, 101-82, in Friday night's game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

It was the Warriors' third straight win improving their record to a league-best 5-1 mark. They have not lost since suffering from an 86-82 setback against GEC Pawnshop on May 2.

The loss dropped former leader Bankers, which went on a 3-0 start, to a tie with the Tan Holdings/CTSI Pacers from third to fourth place with similar 3-3 slates behind the second-running Pawnbrokers' 4-2 card.

Bull-strong Ronald Delos Reyes frolicked his way inside the paint and also punctured the hoops with his consistent out-

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Four teams vie for Bud Cup crown

Four teams are left vying for the season-ending Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Cup tournament title as the league is set to crown its champion on May 27.

The remaining teams are regular season champion SaipanCell-Krystal Perfect Spot Hustlers. Porky's Wild Hogs, Godfather's Magas, and Wild Bill's Snipers. The four advanced after Tuesday night's games held in various bars on the island.

The Hustlers and Snipers scored a 4-2 win over Wild Bill's Wild Wild West and VFW Warriors, while the Wild Hogs escaped with a 4-3 decision against Len's 5 Bad Boyz while the Magas crushed USSP Wat-ever, 4-0.

The final two teams after the May 20 semifinals will battle for the title on May 27.

The 2008 Winter/Spring SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League awards banquet will be held on June 8 at 11am at Pacific Island Club's Charley's Cabaret in San Antonio. The cost is $25 for adults and $12.50 for kids.

League coordinator Charlotte Tenepre is also reminding interested teams that the deadline for submission of lineups for the 2008 Summer/Fall season will be on the banquet.

For more information, call Tenepere at 233-4397. ***(Jon Perez)***